

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 905

Hello, everyone! How are you all doing?

Today, let's talk about popular autumn vegetables in Japan!

There is sweet potato (or "yam"), pumpkin, chestnuts, and different types of mushrooms. You can find a lot of sweet potato drinks at cafes! I love the taste, smell, and texture of freshly baked sweet potatoes. They can be easily made with a toaster.

How about you? What is your favorite way to eat sweet potatoes? Let me know next time. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 905

Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, I will be talking about fasteners. Take a listen:

Gideon Sundback was an engineer from Sweden. He moved to the U.S. after he finished studying in Germany. He worked for a company to make fasteners. In 1914, he [invented] a new and better fastener. The big difference was the shape of the parts. This made the new fasteners easier and faster to use. In 1923, the BF Goodrich Company used these fasteners on boots and called them "zippers". Later, Sundback had his own zipper factories. Zippers became cheaper, and he became richer. He died in 1954. Today, the number one maker of zippers in the world is from Japan.

Well, that's all for today and I'll see you in class. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 905

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I'd like to talk about dreams.

In his classic book *The Interpretation of Dreams*, published in 1900, Sigmund Freud identified wish fulfillment as the origin of many dreams. For example, a student who is concerned about taking an important exam may dream about some type of symbol for the exam. Since thoughts must be translated into concrete images, dreams are expressed in pictures rather than words. Freud advanced the notion of dream symbols, that is, images with deep symbolic meaning. In the case of the exam, it might be expressed as an obstacle or a hurdle in a race. In Freud's view, dreams have much in common with daydreams. There is a wish that is forbidden or repressed in some way, and forces that oppose it. In the case of dreams while sleeping, they offer a compromise, that is, a way for the wish to be expressed safely.

According to Freud, dreams can be viewed as a way to reveal the unconscious. Because some wishes and desires are too disturbing or too socially inappropriate to surface from the unconscious to the conscious mind, the symbols that are employed may make the wish difficult to expose. The student may actually want to cheat in order to succeed on the exam, but in a dream, borrowing a friend's book may be a more acceptable way to express that desire. In a sense, the dream serves to protect the mind from a conflict in the unconscious.

Well, that's it on dreams. See you next time!