

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 911

How are you everyone? This is PR junior.

It is almost autumn, so I want to talk about Mont Blancs. It means "White Mountain" in French because it looks like a snow-capped mountain. Mont Blancs are a popular dessert in the autumn because they use sweetened chestnuts, which are usually harvested in the fall season. It is popular in France, Japan, Italy, Hong Kong, Slovakia, and Hungary. Now I am getting hungry, so let's stop here.

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 911

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, let's learn about "The History of Tea." Tea is a drink that is enjoyed by people all over the world. Japanese tea, Chinese tea, and English tea are popular now. People in China started making tea from the leaves of the tea plant thousands of years ago. It was introduced to Europe and the United States in the 16th or 17th century, and people in the United Kingdom started enjoying tea in new ways like putting milk or sugar in it. Today, people enjoy tea in many other ways. Tea is often used in food dishes. In Japan, some types of noodle such as soba and udon may have green tea mixed in them.

That is all for today, bye bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 911

Hi, there! Welcome back to PR2.

Let's take a listen to an article about the reason leaves change their color in autumn. Let's get started!

In the fall, leaves on some trees change color and fall off. These trees are called deciduous, while evergreen trees stay green all year. Most of the time, these leaves are green because they use a substance called chlorophyll to capture sunlight and make food for the tree.

When the weather gets colder and days get shorter, trees receive less sunlight, and the chlorophyll in the leaves breaks down. This reveals the yellow and orange colors that were already in the leaves but hidden by the green. Red leaves happen when sugars in the leaves create new pigments called anthocyanins. Some trees, like oaks and dogwoods, tend to have red leaves.

The changing of leaves happen differently in various places. The best colors come out when it's dry, sunny, and cool. Cloudy, damp, or warm places won't see as much color change.

Eventually, leaves fall off. Trees create a seal between the leaves and branches to protect themselves as the weather gets colder. They take all the nutrients they can from the leaves, but the leaves wouldn't survive the winter, so they have to fall to the ground.

That's all for today. See you in the next video!