

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 914

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Jr.

Let's continue looking at things with wings today.

Penguins have two wings, but they can't fly. They swim fast with their wings like flippers. Some insects have wings. Butterflies have four wings. Bats have wings to fly. They have wings like arms. They fly at night in the dark. Flying fish have wings to fly. They fly fast with their fins like wings. Some dinosaurs had wings to fly.

Alright, that's all. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 914

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

Today I will tell you the story about low cost airlines. Let's take a listen.

New low-cost airlines are a global trend. These airlines offer low fares compared with traditional airlines. Some people feel that the seats and the aisles are too narrow and prefer to pay more on regular airlines for a seat with more width and other benefits. On low-cost airlines, in addition to the fare, there are other costs such as paying for meals and a fee for checking in your baggage. Nevertheless, the low fares mean that more people can afford to fly more often than in the past.

That's all for today. See you next time! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 914

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 2.

Today, I'm going to read you two paragraphs about dog colors, specifically Labrador retriever colors, since they're one of my favorite dog breeds. Let's begin!

A recent study of Labrador retrievers has revealed that chocolate-colored Labradors are more likely than Labradors of other colors to suffer from ear infections and skin diseases. It also found their average life expectancy is about 10 percent shorter. According to the research team, these facts are likely connected. Ear infections and skin diseases both cause inflammation—a condition where the body tries to repair cellular damage, and which is characterized by swelling, increased temperature, and pain. Inflammation is harmful in the long term, and studies in humans have shown that people with inflammation tend to die younger than others.

The researchers believe color-related health problems in Labradors result from breeding by humans. Both parents must have the gene for the chocolate color in order to produce a chocolate Labrador, so there are fewer dogs available for breeding, and this limited population of dogs likely has more genes that are associated with ear infections and skin problems. Similarly, a gene found in dogs with blue eyes and a white coat can increase rates of deafness, while another gene, which gives dogs a pale, spotted coat, has been linked with high rates of blindness and deafness.

That's all for today. See you next time!