

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 915

Welcome back to PR Junior.

Let's take a listen to a short announcement from the school.

To all students in grade 2 and 3, please be sure to bring a hat and a water bottle for tomorrow's field trip. Also, don't forget to bring 2 big plastic bags since we are going to pick rubbish at the beach. We will come back to school around 5 P.M. later than normal so please tell your parents in advance. If you have any questions about the field trip, please ask teacher Jane.

See you!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 915

Hi guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I have Part 2 to the Emperor's New Clothes. Let's begin!

When the emperor went to see the new suit, he saw nothing at all! "Oh, no!" he thought. "I am stupid!" The emperor was scared and he pretended to see the clothes. The swindlers pretended to put the suit on him, and the emperor walked through the town. Everyone saw only underwear, and they thought, "I am stupid!" So everyone pretended and shouted, "What beautiful clothes! What style! What colors!" Finally, a young boy said, "He isn't wearing anything at all!" And the emperor and all the people realized who was stupid. They all were.

Do you know the lesson of this story? Alright, see you next time, bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 915

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Halloween, celebrated on October 31st, is a festive and spooky holiday with a rich history. It originated from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. The Celts believed that on the night of October 31st, the boundary between the living and the dead blurred, allowing spirits to roam freely. To ward off malevolent spirits, they lit bonfires and wore costumes, practices that have evolved into modern Halloween traditions.

Trick-or-treating, one of the most popular activities, likely stems from the medieval practice of "souling," where the poor would go door-to-door, singing prayers for the deceased in exchange for food. This tradition eventually morphed into the candy-collecting ritual we know today. The pumpkin, central to Halloween decor, has its roots in the Irish legend of "Stingy Jack," who tricked the Devil and was condemned to roam the Earth with only a hollowed-out turnip and a burning coal. Irish immigrants in America substituted pumpkins for turnips, giving rise to the Jack-o'-lantern.

Halloween has evolved into a time of costume parties, haunted houses, and creative expressions of spookiness. It's a time when both young and old can embrace their inner ghoul, enjoy sweet treats, and celebrate the eerie, fantastical, and macabre in a spirit of fun and community.

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