

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 923

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today I will talk about penguins. Penguins lay eggs and they've got wings, so they are like other birds, but they can't fly. They can swim very well, though. They are black and white, and they have got small wings, very short legs and a short tail. They have also got thick feathers to keep them warm in cold water. Penguins look funny when they walk. However, when they are in the water, they swim like fish.

That's all! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 923

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

Today I will tell you the story about the relationship between Japan and Hawaii. Let's take a listen!

When the first Japanese people began their lives in Hawaii, they faced a lot of difficulties mainly because they could not speak English. However, they worked not only with each other but also with local Hawaiians and other foreign people in Hawaii. Thanks to their efforts, little by little, Japanese people became members of the Hawaiian community. Now you can see the fruits of their efforts in Hawaii. For example, you can see Japanese temples and shrines in Hawaii. If you need lunch for the day, you can buy *bento* or *musubi* at any supermarket.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 923

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR 2!

Today I will tell you the 6th part of the story on a movement to conserve wildlife. Let's begin!

Earlier this year, a group of Indigenous volunteers and two marine biology students from the University of Panama conducted nightly beach patrols, scouring more than 4.5 kilometers of steep eroding sand banks for signs of nesting leatherbacks or babies.

It was once common to spot 30 to 40 adult female turtles on a given night during nesting season, according to several of the volunteers. This year, the group was lucky if seven were spotted in a night.

"The Gunas always say that the turtles were once human beings," said Ignacio Crespo, founder of Fundacion Yaug Galu, a local nonprofit that seeks to protect the turtles. "They are our brothers and sisters that live in an immense mysterious ocean."

To track the turtles' movements, Veelenturf demonstrated how to outfit their leathery carapaces with satellite tags that document the animals' whereabouts each time they surface. Already, data from these tags shows common travel patterns between Panama and Colombia, which Veelenturf intends to use to advocate for designated shipping lanes between the two countries to minimize boat strikes, as well as to stop coastal construction projects that could destroy nesting beaches.

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