

### **Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 926**

Hello everyone! This is PR Junior. Are you ready? Let's start!

My favorite subjects in school are math and science. I like them a lot, but most students in my class don't like them. It feels good to get the right answers on homework problems. I passed all of my math and science exams last year with really high scores. My friends were impressed.

Now, I often help them with their homework. I'm very proud that they want my help. I hope they can get high scores on their test, too.

That's all for today. Bye-bye.

### **Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 926**

Hi everyone! Welcome back to PR1. Let's continue the story about our solar system.

Comets are frozen leftovers from the formation of the solar system composed of dust, rock, and ices. They range from a few miles to tens of miles wide, but as they orbit closer to the Sun, they heat up and emit gases and dust into a glowing head that can be larger than a planet.

The gravity of a planet or star can pull comets from their homes which can redirect a comet toward the Sun. As the comet is pulled faster and faster toward the Sun, it swings around behind the Sun, then heads back toward where it came from. When the comet is in the inner solar system, either coming or going, that's when we may see it in our skies.

That's all for today. See you!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 926

Hello everyone! Welcome back to another fun episode of PR 2.

It's already November and some people are already decorating their homes with Christmas lights, but hold up! We need to celebrate Thanksgiving first. Thanksgiving is an American holiday often associated with Native Americans, turkey, and pumpkin pie. Today we'll learn about the colonizer's story, and next time we'll study the Native Americans' story.

In 1620, colonists departed Plymouth, England on a small ship called the Mayflower. It carried 102 passengers--religious separatists, who were seeking a new home where they could freely practice their religion. Their journey to the New World lasted 66 days. After finally reaching present-day Massachusetts, however, the colonists, or Pilgrims, suffered from exposure, scurvy, and outbreaks of contagious disease. It was a brutal winter, and only half of the 102 settlers survived.

In March, after moving ashore, they were greeted by a member of the Abenaki tribe. He and another Native American taught these poor Pilgrims how to fish, cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, and avoid poisonous plants.

After a successful corn harvest in November 1621, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast with the Native American allies. This is the origin of Thanksgiving. The festival lasted for an entire three days.

That is all for today! Let me know if you want to hear more about the colonizer's story. We'll study the Native American perspective next time. See you!