

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 931

Hello, everyone. This is PR Junior.

The students in my English class are very interesting. Henry is Chinese. He's from Shanghai. Linda is Puerto Rican. She's from San Juan. Mr. and Mrs. Kim are Korean. They're from Seoul.

George is Greek. He's from Athens. Carla is Italian. She's from Rome. Mr. and Mrs. Sato are Japanese. They're from Tokyo. My friend Maria and I are Mexican. We're from Mexico City. Yes, the students in my English class are very interesting. We're from many different countries, and we're friends.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 931

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Let's continue the story about slums.

The UN wants cities to improve slums and make them part of the city, rather than destroy them. Land ownership is one of the main issues the UN recommends solving. Many people living in slums do not actually own the land and house where they live. They usually do not have documents to show that it belongs to them. Therefore, the law cannot protect them if somebody tries to take their home. The UN recommends cities help people living in slums by providing them with documents showing that they own the land and their homes.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 931

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR2.

Today you are going to listen to a story about marine animals.

In recent years, hundreds of whales, dolphins have lost their way and become stranded on Britain's shores. What is causing this phenomenon? Conservationists believe that it is the increasing number of ocean surveys being carried out by oil companies. These companies set off underwater explosions and then use the sound waves to create maps of the seabed. Unfortunately, the noise also confuses and damages the hearing of marine animals. The companies are required by law to watch out for whales and other creatures, but as the animals spend most of their time deep underwater, this is not very effective.

Now, a group of scientists at Plymouth University in Britain have come up with a system that should serve as a much more reliable guide to the presence of these creatures. The system, uses a series of underwater microphones to pick up the sounds made by whales and dolphins in order to communicate with one another, to navigate, and to find food. Using the new system, surveying the ocean floor should be able to tell if such creatures are nearby and avoid making explosion[s] until they have left.

That is all for today. Bye-bye!