

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 943

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Take a listen to the story of Jim's loose tooth. Let's begin.

Children's teeth fall out. Then new teeth grow in. Jim is 6 years old. He has a loose tooth. This is how his tooth fell out.

Jim went to school. The school has a playground. It has a slide and a swing set. He rode the slide. He rode it [so] fast that he fell off the slide. He was not hurt. He fell on the grass and saw something. It was small and white. It was [his] tooth.

That's the end of the story. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 943

Hello, everyone! This is PR 1.

Today's topic is about Sally.

Sally was the first American woman to go into space. She was born in California in 1951. When she was growing up, she loved math and science.

In ~~the~~ 1977, she read a newspaper. It said NASA was looking for people who wanted to become astronauts. She wanted the job, so she went to the Johnson Space center in Texas, and had the training to become an astronaut.

In 1983, Sally was able to go into space. Russia sent a woman into space in 1963 and 1982, but Sally was the first American woman to go.

Sadly, she died in 2012. However, many people remember the important things she did.

Sally is still a hero for many people.

So, this is all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 943

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Back with another news story for another PR2 dictation video, and this time it's what we've all been waiting for: yes, a new story relating to the topic of dinosaurs! Wahoo! So, without further ado, let's take a listen:

Around 66 million years ago, an asteroid bigger than Mount Everest smashed into Earth, killing off three-quarters of all life on the planet – including the dinosaurs. This much we know. But exactly how the impact of the asteroid Chicxulub caused all those animals to go extinct has remained a matter of debate. The leading theory has been that Sulphur from the asteroid's impact blocked out the sky and plunged the world into a long, dark winter, killing all but the lucky few. However, research published on October 30th reasserted an earlier hypothesis: that the impact winter was caused by dust kicked up by the asteroid.

Oh. So... the running theory that the dinosaurs were killed off by the impact of an asteroid sending up a bunch of debris into the atmosphere and blocking out the sun has been confirmed? Only that it was specifically dust, not some other kind of debris? Hmm, I guess this article doesn't actually tell us that much, but I have been seeing headlines from other news sources saying that they've found new evidence as to what caused this mass extinction event, so I guess we just need to do a bit more background reading.

So off you go! Go do some reading and let me know what you find out!

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.