

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 947

Hi, everyone! Today I will talk about what I did yesterday.

Yesterday, I went for a walk in the park. While I was there, I saw a lot of children who were playing. There was a man who was walking his dog. He threw a stick and the dog ran to catch it. A young man was taking pictures of flowers. Some old ladies were sitting on a park bench enjoying the warm sunshine. I enjoyed my lunch under a big tree. It was very nice.

That's all! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 947

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

Today I will read you the story about the sad [truth] about smartphone. Let's take a listen.

The last several generations of parents have given thought to how technology negatively affects their children. Two generations back, parents worried about how long their kids watched TV. One generation ago, parents felt playing computer games was a waste of their children's time. Now, parents are concerned about their children's usage of smartphones. They have good reason to worry, for smartphones have changed the way kids spend their time, the way they communicate, and even the way that they feel about themselves.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 947

Hi, everyone. Welcome back to PR2.

Today I will talk about the negative effects of tourism. Let's begin.

The negative effects of tourism are far greater than the benefits. These negative effects show themselves in the impact of tourism on local economies, the damage that it does to heritage sites, and its destructive effects on local lifestyles and cultures. Initially, tourism seems to bring many economic advantages. These advantages, however, are more illusory than real. Tourism essentially provides low paid service jobs. The bulk of the profits made are taken back to developed countries by the big multinational companies engaged in the tourism industry.

Secondly, tourism poses dangers to many heritage sites. Thousands of tourists tramping daily over places of interest inevitably leads to damage of often fragile sites. In areas of natural beauty, the development of hotels, entertainment areas, and transport causes an increase in pollution, often with destructive effects on local flora and fauna.

The third problem is the [disruptive] effects on local lifestyles and cultures. Local people are often encouraged to give up traditional occupations such as farming or crafts in order to provide services for visitors. This leads them to forget their traditional skills and to lose their traditional cultures. Although inviting foreign investment in order to promote tourism is an easy way in the short term to provide jobs, it rarely brings real economic benefits to local people. Furthermore, it causes considerable physical and cultural damage to local communities. It is a trap that governments and developing countries should try to avoid.

So, that's all for today. What do you think about tourism?

See you in the next video!