

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 948

Hello, and welcome back to PR Jr!

I hope you are staying healthy as always...

Last week, I talked with my friends about daily peace. To many people, peace may only mean “no war,” but to me, peace also means small happy moments.

For example, drinking a nice cup of tea on a sunny day, talking to friends, and smelling flowers after a long day.

How about you—what is your daily peace? Let me know next time. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 948

Hi everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I'm going to discuss why lions are the king of the jungle. Let's begin.

Although lions are referred to as the king of the jungle, interestingly they do not live in the jungle. They instead live in open grasslands – the savannas, rocky hills, and scrublands, but definitely not jungles. The lions display attributes of a powerful ruler and are said to be a powerful animal with intimidating survival instincts, like some of the rulers in history.

This makes the other wild animals in the animal kingdom respect the lions more than any other animals.

However, if this were to be interpreted literally, the actual king of the jungle would be the tiger, who lives in the jungle, and is the strongest and most enormous animal in the cat kingdom.

While lions have natural predators, the tiger is said to have none.

That's all for today. See you in class!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 948

Hi guys! Welcome back to PR 2 .

Today, you are going to listen to a story about Gum Disease and Alzheimer's.

As the average age of the world population grows older, one of the biggest health threats is Alzheimer's disease and other forms of memory loss. These diseases affect the brain to cause memory loss, confusion, and can make simple physical tasks difficult. For a long time, the question of what causes Alzheimer's has been one of the biggest mysteries in medicine.

However, several new studies show there could be a link between diseases that affect the teeth and Alzheimer's. This first link was found when doctors in Taiwan found that people with a disease that causes damage to the teeth and gums, were 70% more likely to have Alzheimer's. Even if a person was totally healthy in every other way, the gum disease could often be followed by Alzheimer's.

Later on, English doctors studied the brains of people who had Alzheimer's and found that they contained the bacteria that caused the gum disease. The researchers thought that the body might react to the bacteria with a response that ends up harming the brain. There are some studies in mice that show how the damage might occur. These studies found that the bacteria formed poisons that are often found in people with Alzheimer's.

That is all for today, bye-bye!