

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 949

Hi everyone, welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I'm going to talk about learning about athletes. Let's begin.

Athletes are always trying to improve their performance. Now, there are training centers that can help them through this. These places have special devices to record data about various body movements. Experts study such data and by doing so, they learn about the strong and weak points of athletes. This information can be an important tool for improving athlete's performance.

That's all for today. See you soon!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 949

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, I am going to talk about freedom of speech and freedom of thought.

At present, in the most civilized countries, we take freedom of speech for granted. We are so accustomed to it that we look on it as natural right. But this right has been acquired only in recent times by struggling for it at the risk of life.

Human society have been generally opposed to freedom of thought, much more to freedom of speech.

The average brain is lazy by nature and it is likely to take the way of least resistance. Ordinary men stick to beliefs, which they have accepted without questioning, and they are attached to them. Instinctively they don't approve of anything which is not familiar to them at all, because it threatens their existence

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That is all for today. See you next time.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 949

Hi guys! Welcome back to PR2.

Did you know that there are a variety of different sign languages?

Even if you don't speak it, you've probably encountered sign language in public.

But there's a lot more to this language than meets the eye. For starters, there are many other variants of the widely-known American Sign Language. So today I'll talk about sign languages around the world.

Did you know that there are 142 sign languages in use across the world? That number has probably increased and will continue to do so. This is because new sign languages are frequently created in communities. Sign language is a complex form of communication. It includes hand gestures, body language, and facial expressions to allow deaf individuals to communicate their thoughts and feelings.

International Sign is theoretically a universal sign language. This language is used at international events such as the Deaflympics.

The problem with International Sign is that it has been criticized for drawing too much from European and North American sign languages. This has a negative impact on deaf and hard of hearing people from other parts of the globe.

Strictly speaking, International Sign may also not meet the requirements of being classed as a true language. It has been argued that this language is a complex language used by just two or more groups of people which is a simplified form of communication to facilitate conversations between groups of people that speak different languages.

And, that is all for today's video. Good-bye!