

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 956

Hi everyone! Welcome back to PR Jr. Let's learn about kangaroos today!

Kangaroos are mammals. They feed their babies on milk. They live in Australia. They are about two meters tall and weigh about sixty kilos. Kangaroos have got two back legs, two short front legs and a long tail.

They can jump very high because their back legs are very strong. They sleep during the day and they eat leaves. Kangaroos carry their babies in a pouch.

They live in small groups. They live for about fifteen to twenty years.

That's all! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 956

Hi guys. Welcome back to PR 1.

Today I will be reading Episode One from The Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Let's begin.

It's been almost two and a half weeks since me and my ex best friend Rowley Jefferson had our big fight. To be honest with you, I thought he would have come crawling back to me by now, but for some reason that hasn't happened.

I'm actually starting to get a little concerned because school starts back up in a few days, and if we're going to get this friendship back on track, something needs to happen quick. If me and Rowley really are through, that would stink because the two of us had a pretty good thing going.

So, did you enjoy the episode?

See you in the next video. Bye.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 956

Hi everyone, this is PR2. Let's start! The family meal.

According to recent scientific studies, dining together with parents can greatly benefit adolescents. In particular, it has been found that regular shared meals help prevent behavioral problems. One reason for this is that, when parents discuss everyday things such as schoolwork and friends with their children, they become more aware of what is going on in their children's lives. Then, if something about what children's are doing indicates a serious issue such as bullying and illegal drug use, parents have a chance to stop it early on.

Studies have also shown that eating home cooked meals can reduce obesity in teenagers. And such reports now appear regularly in the media. However, some parents say that these kind of articles put a lot of pressure on them. People, like U.S First Lady Michelle Obama have organized campaigns to promote home cooked family meals.

But many parents say that 'good parents cook for their families' message is unrealistic. According to North Carolina State University Sociology professor, Sarah Bowen, home cooked meals are widely promoted standard to which all mothers are held. This can make people feel like bad parents if their work schedule doesn't allow them to cook. Bowen argues nonetheless, that family meals are important. She feels communities need to develop creative solutions such as organizing shared kitchens or having schools provide healthy take out meals that can be eaten by families at home. In short, if family meals are to survive in today's busy fast pace world, parents will need support in providing them.

That's all for today,
Bye-bye!