

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 961

Hello everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today I am going to tell you about where he was born on. Let's start!

Drippy was born on a blade of grass on a foggy morning in Los Angeles, California. Now because you are so much larger than a raindrop, a blade of grass seems very tiny to you. But to Drippy, a blade of grass was like a tall tree.

That's all for today, bye bye!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 961

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1!

Today I will talk about a study abroad program. Let's begin!

For students who want to spend a semester away from their campus, the SEA semester is a wonderful opportunity. Thirty-five students spend six weeks in Massachusetts, USA taking courses about biology and the sea – and then use what they learned on a six-week trip on a small sailing ship, doing research with professional scientists. Students from colleges and universities in many countries enroll in the program. The tuition is not cheap but you can earn scholarships. You do not have to have a science major and sailing experience. You do have to apply very early, though-the deadline is six months before the program starts.

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 961

Hi guys! Welcome back to PR 2.

Today, you are going to listen to a story about obesity and health.

Obesity is well-known as a major health problem in America, and through calculations, is linked to approximately 18% of deaths mainly related to heart disease and diabetes. The problem, however, is not limited to America, as it is also rising quickly in Western Europe, particularly in Britain and Germany. It has also spread to rising economies [economics] like Argentina and Brazil. The World Health Organization reports that this global obesity problem now affects over 500 million people in the world. Obesity is caused by a number of factors, including sedentary lifestyles, requiring little physical motion, and access to unhealthy junk food. Operating in combination, these habits can rapidly lead to obesity in otherwise healthy people. It was earlier theorized that poor people were more likely to become obese than middle-class or wealthy people. This was because some researchers found that poor people were more likely to integrate cheap but high-fat, sugary and high-cholesterol foods into their daily diets. Yet as more upper income people have also become obese, rates between both rich and poor have more equalized; obesity is no longer a class issue.

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

\*supposed to be pronounced as "leed"