

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 97

Hello, everyone! I will read this book: *Dear Zoo*.

I wrote to the zoo to send me a pet. They sent me an elephant. He was too big. I sent him back.

So, they sent me a giraffe. He was too tall. I sent him back.

So, they sent me a snake. He was too scary. I sent him back.

So, they thought very, very hard and sent me a dog. He was perfect. I kept him.

Okay, see you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 97

Hi, everyone!

I think a lot of people know about America but not many people know how the native Americans came [to be] there. Take a listen to this:

Think of a big beautiful empty land with mountains, forests, lakes, animals, and fish, but no people. This was America 16,000 years ago. Around that time, the first people probably arrived in Alaska from Asia. They travelled south, and became the native Americans of North America and the Maya, Aztecs, Inca and other peoples of central and South America. The Inuit came to Canada and the Arctic the same way. But there are only a few of these people in America today.

So, there you go. That's a little bit of history for you. Okay, I will see you guys in another video. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 97

Hello, everyone, and welcome to PR2 dictation.

I was flipping through the pages of the Tokyo Ikashika University textbook and stumbled upon this article on concrete production. I've never really thought concrete was an interesting subject, but this is, I think, interesting, so take a listen to this:

"We make more concrete than anything else; any other product, apart from clean water," says Paul Fennel, professor of clean energy at Imperial College London. One 2015 report estimates that each year approximately three tons of concrete are used for every person on Earth. Roughly 22 billion tons. To put that in context, a recent study estimated that 8.3 billion metric tons of plastic have been produced – ever. "Manufacturing cement, concrete's building agent, is energy intensive," Fennel says. Ordinary Portland cement, the most common form of concrete, is produced by baking lime in a kiln, and emits approximately one ton of carbon dioxide for every ton of cement. Cement production is responsible for approximately 5% of global manmade CO₂ emission, according to the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.

So, there you go, it's very un-ecofriendly. So, I'll leave you with that one, and I'll see you in another video. So, take care, and, bye!