

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 972

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Let's learn about [the] Amazon Rainforest.

The Amazon Rainforest is a large forest in Brazil. It is very hot and humid there. The Amazon River is the largest river in South America. The Amazon Rainforest is a very beautiful place. Many kinds of animals, birds, and insects live in it. The birds are usually colorful. There are also many trees and plants. Today, the forest has a very serious problem. People are cutting down too many of its trees.

That's it. See you!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 972

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today I will talk about buses for the future. Let's begin!

The city of Curitiba, Brazil, has the most convenient and modern bus system in the world, called Bus rapid transit. Very large buses for up to 300 people travel on major roads all around the city. Passengers boards the buses from comfortable glass tube stations. If they don't have [a] pass or a ticket, they pay their fare in the station, so everyone gets on the bus very quickly when it arrives. They can transfer to another route without paying again. The system is very fast and it's very popular with the people of Curitiba. More than 70 percent of the commuters there travel by bus every day.

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 972

Hi, everyone! This is PR2.

Are you ready? Let's start.

*The Bristol Brabazon*

During World War II, the United States supplied most of Britain's transport aircraft. While this arrangement allowed Britain to focus on producing bombers, it also created a serious weakness. It was clear that the experience in the design and manufacture of transport aircraft gained by the United States would put it at an advantage once the war was over. In 1943, the British government, realizing it was falling behind in the civilian aircraft industry, called for the development of a deluxe commercial aircraft that could travel between London and New York.

Six years later, the Bristol Brabazon, as the test model of the plane was called, made its debut. It was larger than any commercial aircraft that had come before it and featured a number of luxuries, including a spacious interior and onboard entertainment. In fact, these features proved to be one reason for the plane's commercial failure. It seemed air travelers in the postwar years valued affordability and speed over comfort, which put smaller, faster aircraft in high demand and led airlines to reject the design.

The Brabazon's development, however, had lasting effects. Nearly half the project's funding had been used to develop facilities necessary for operating the test model. Engineers were able to use the large storage building and extra-long runway built for the Brabazon to accommodate more-successful aircraft designs. Moreover, the technology that had been used in the Brabazon could be applied to any aircraft. In these ways, the Brabazon helped pave the way for the future of Britain's transport aircraft industry.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!