

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 973

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is the seventh part of a story called *French Adventure*. Let's begin!

"I know why we can't find the Eiffel Tower," said Bill. "It hasn't been invented."

Just then they saw a man. He was pulling a cart.

"Will you help?" asked the man. "I can't get the cart up this step."

That was all for today. I hope you liked the story and I'll see you in the next video! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 973

Hello, everyone! This is PR1!

Today, let's welcome Ms. Moe! She and I will share some facts about Boston and Albany.

Boston is one of the oldest cities in the United States.

Boston was also the location of several major event in the American history such as the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Bunker Hill. Nowadays it's known for a lot of famous universities in the area including Harvard and MIT.

Thanks for sharing! In my eyes, Boston is a stylish, historical city with respected schools and amazing food. My hometown in Albany is much more rural – life was slow and peaceful. Many of our schools and towns are named after Native American languages, like Saratoga.

That's all for today! I hope you learned something new. See you another time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 973

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR 2.

Today I will continue talking about saunas in Finland. Let's begin!

"We're going to spend our evening with our families, so it's just a nice way to start the weekend," says social worker Anita Kontukoski, 49, who is sitting on a bench outside, catching up with a friend. She has an electric sauna at home, but lately, with energy prices so high, it has been more convenient to come here. Usually, she comes on a Friday afternoon straight from work. "That's the best way to start your free time and forget all the stresses of the week." During the summer months, her friend Mia Surakka, 49, a nature photographer, saunas every day in her summer cottage, but in the winter she goes once a week. "Sauna for Finnish people is really important; for most, they couldn't live without it."

Nearby, a group of men, all teachers, are congregated around a picnic table in towels, drinking beers. They usually sauna at home, but have travelled from nearby Pori to soak up Tampere's sauna culture. They enjoy the opportunity to catch up with each other and strangers. "Not politics, not religion, not sports, just life," says one. "We're talking about feelings – and history, of course." Do saunas serve as a unique place for Finnish men to talk about their emotions? "I think so – and with a little bit of alcohol," says Harri Nurmela, 55, pointing to the can in front of him – which is, in fact, 0%.

That's all for today! See you!