

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 974

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I will be talking about ice cream. Let's begin.

Ice cream is a popular desert. Many people eat it outside on hot summer days. Some people enjoy eating ice cream even in winter. People often buy ice cream at supermarkets, and some like to make different kinds of ice cream at home. What kind of ice cream do you like?

That's all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 974

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

Today I will tell you the story about [the] Tokyo Olympic[s]. Let's take a listen.

In its long history, the Olympics have never been held in the center of a big metropolitan area with the large population and active economy of today's Tokyo. Unlike in some past games, there will be no such facility as an Olympic park that has a lot of game sites. Instead, [they] will be spread all over the Kanto areas.

To make sure of the effective operation of the games, smooth transportation of athletes and staff will hold the key to success. Plans for controlling traffic during the games will be needed. We will also need efforts to win the cooperation and understanding of the people and businesses that will be [inconvenienced] by the necessary traffic controls.

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Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 974

Hi there! I didn't want to flood the InterTOMAS channel with dismal news about the earthquakes, wars, and collisions, so let's learn about something positive today! Yesterday, I received positive feedback from my previous movie discussing the major events of 2023, so here's a sequel – except all of them are positive news.

First of all, the world entered a “golden age” of medicine. Thanks to COVID-19, mRNA technology – which was incorporated into COVID vaccines – could soon help eradicate certain types of cancer. It is expected that AI and 3D printing together unlocks the genetic bases of many diseases.

Speaking of diseases, we are one step closer to the end of Alzheimer's. Two drugs were found to slow the disease and will be set for approval in the UK in 2024. This is a major turning point in treating a disease that is expected to affect 1.7 million Britons by 2040. Further, climate reparations are becoming a reality. Almost 200 nations signed an agreement to “transition away from fossil fuels.” Many times, agreements like these hardly achieve anything, but 60% of voters in Ecuador said ‘no’ to oil exploration in Yasuni National Park. This park is home to uncontacted indigenous communities, which was a strong reason to vote against the drilling.

There [is] so much more positive news from the article I referred to, and if you'd like to read more, I recommend the Positive News website!

Anyways, I hope that made you happy! See you another time!