

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 976

Hello, everyone! This is PR Junior.

I want to ask you all: do you have any goals for the new year?

This year, I am finishing school, so I need to find another place to study science! That means I need to take a test. My goal is to pass the test and start a new life in the fall. I am not the best at focusing for a long time, but I'll try my best!

Let me know your goal for this year. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 976

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I will be telling you about a baseball cap. Let's begin.

The baseball cap is [a] kind of hat. It is very popular and many people enjoy it as a fashion item. In the 1860s, during the Civil War, baseball became a popular sport in the United States. Players were soldiers, so they wore military hats and clothes during a game. It is said that this is the origin of the baseball cap. Around 1860, the Brooklyn Excelsiors, a baseball team in New York, wore a kind of round cap. This style became very popular by 1900. In the 1940s, the cap was made harder, and this became the modern baseball cap. These days, there are many kinds of baseball caps that can fit on anyone's head.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 976

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Did you guys know that Australia experiences summer during Christmas? Imagine celebrating Christmas with outdoor barbecues, and Santa wearing short pants! The reason Australia has summer during Christmas is closely tied to the Earth's axial tilt and its orbit around the Sun. The Earth's axis is tilted relative to its orbital plane, and as it orbits the Sun, different parts of the planet receive varying amounts of sunlight throughout the year.

During the Southern Hemisphere's summer solstice, which occurs around December 21st, the South Pole is tilted toward the Sun. This positioning results in longer daylight hours and more direct sunlight for the southern regions of the Earth, including Australia. Consequently, the increased sunlight and the higher angle of the Sun in the sky lead to warmer temperatures, creating the conditions for summer.

Conversely, during the Northern Hemisphere's summer solstice in late June, the North Pole is tilted toward the Sun, causing the northern regions to experience summer. This axial tilt and the Earth's orbit around the Sun are responsible for the opposite seasons in the two hemispheres.

In the case of Australia, the combination of its southern location and the tilt of the Earth's axis results in summer coinciding with the Christmas holiday season, contributing to the country's tradition of celebrating Christmas in warm and sunny weather. Australians often embrace outdoor activities, barbecues, and beach outings as part of their Christmas [festivities].

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