

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 982

Good afternoon, my PR Junior friends!

Just now, an InterTOMAS teacher told me that he went ice climbing during winter vacation!

Let's learn about ice climbing together.

Ice climbing uses special tools to climb, and the sport began about 60 years ago. In 2002, there was the first Ice World Cup, which included ice climbing. Ice axes and crampons are the names of the popular tools used to cut and pierce the ice.

Okay, that's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 982

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today I will talk about vocabulary and success. Let's begin!

There is a very close relationship between vocabulary and success. One study showed that successful people in the US always had one thing in common – a strong vocabulary. The study tested the vocabularies of thousands of people from all age groups and backgrounds. It was discovered that the people who had the highest salaries also had the highest vocabularies.

The director of the study group said, "Words are the tools of thought. We think with words, we communicate with words and we understand the ideas of others with words. The more words we know, the better we can explain and understand. It is the ability to explain and understand that makes leaders."

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 982

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today I'm going to talk about the water cycle. Let's get started!

The water cycle is a continuous process of water movement on, above, and below the surface of the Earth. It is also known as the [hydrologic] cycle or the hydrological cycle. The cycle involves the following processes: evaporation, transpiration, condensation, precipitation, and runoff. The sun's energy drives the water cycle by causing water to evaporate from oceans, lakes, and other water bodies. The evaporated water forms clouds, which then move over land and release water in the form of precipitation. The precipitation can either be absorbed by the soil, flow into rivers and streams, or evaporate back into the atmosphere. The water cycle is essential for the survival of all living organisms on Earth, as it ensures the availability* of fresh water.

The water cycle is a complex process that is influenced by several factors such as temperature, humidity, wind, and topography. The amount of water that evaporates from the Earth's surface is dependent on the temperature and humidity of the air. The warmer and drier the air, the more water it can hold, and the more water that can evaporate from the surface. The wind plays a crucial role in the water cycle by moving clouds from one location to another. The topography of the land also affects the water cycle by influencing the flow of water. Mountains, for example, can cause precipitation on one side of the mountain and create a rain shadow on the other side.

That's all for today. See you!

*Pronounced "a-**vay**-luh-bility"