

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 983

Hello, my friends! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, we are going to hear a conversation at home. Let's begin!

Mom: Masashi, have you finished your homework?

Masashi: No, Mom, but I am doing Kanji drills now.

Mom: Masashi, there was a phone call from Mr. Lawrence, and...

Masashi: And what, Mom?

Mom: He said there will be no Kanji drills homework this week.

Masashi: No way! I've already done 50 pages.

Mom: I'm sorry, but that's what he said to me, Masashi.

That's all for today. How was it? Hope to see you soon!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 983

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

Today I am going to talk about The Ironman World Championship. Let's get started.

The Ironman World Championship is an event held on Hawaii Island. The participants have to be able to swim for 2.4 miles, ride a bike for 112 miles, and run for 26.2 miles. This event started across Hawaii's most popular island, Oahu in 1978. In that year, 15 men joined the race, but only 12 of them finished. It is a hard race, so many beginners give up. These days, some winners finish in under 8 hours. There are other Ironman competitions held around the world, but the Hawaii event is the most famous. The winner of the event is called the "Ironman".

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 983

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 2.

Today I want to share a news [story] with you. The topic is "36 cold-stunned sea turtles saved in North Carolina". So, let's begin.

Dozens of cold-stunned sea turtles were rescued by researchers off the coast of North Carolina this week. The North Carolina State University Center for Marine Sciences and Technology said it saved 36 cold-stunned sea turtles from Cape Lookout. While they took in 109 cold-stunned sea turtles, only 36 survived, the marine center said. The surviving turtles are being examined and treated. The turtles will then be transferred to the North Carolina Aquarium in Pine Knoll Shores and the Karen [Beasley] Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center in Topsail, to complete their rehabilitation before eventually being released back into their natural habitat. The dead turtles will be necropsied and used for research. The term "cold-stunned" refers to a condition in which a sea turtle has become very weak and inactive from exposure to cold temperatures, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [also known] as NOAA. Cold-stunning generally occurs when water temperatures where sea turtles are present fall below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the NOAA. "Cold-stunned turtles become lethargic and are eventually unable to swim causing them to float at the surface. Wind and tides may wash them ashore. If temperatures remain low or turtles are not rescued, they can develop secondary health problems or die. Hundreds or even thousands of sea turtles can be affected by cold-stunning events," according to the NOAA. Sea turtles become cold-stunned when they are not able to strictly regulate their body temperature like mammals, according to the NOAA.

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