

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 985

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I will be talking about smartphone games. Let's begin.

Today, there are many kinds of smartphone games. These games have become popular with young people around the world. However, some young people spend a lot of time playing smartphone games, and as a result they are too tired to work or study. It is important not to play such games too much.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 985

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1!

Today let's talk about Model United Nations.

Model United Nations is a conference where students around the world join together to learn and discuss international relations.

At a conference, each student represents a country and talk[s] about a global issue together with other students, such as global warming, human rights, and global security. We work together to write a policy paper and vote at the end of the conference. Some of us can get awards if we perform the best.

I also used to be in the Model United Nations team in high school and chaired some conferences in college. It is always so much fun learning about the world with the engaging students.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 985

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR2!

Today I am going to talk about food loss in vulnerable countries and food waste in the privileged countries. Let's begin!

Food loss in the least privileged countries is devastating. For example, the value of post-harvest food loss in Sub-Saharan Africa is more than what the region receives in food assistance. And around the world, over 50 percent of the hungriest people are farmers in poor, rural areas who tend fields of five acres* or less. They invest so many of their precious resources into growing, harvesting, processing, packing, and storing their food, but without the right systems and resources, much of their harvest is lost, thereby perpetuating their hunger. That's why countries that face food loss aren't wasting nearly as much food as the rest of us.

Food is wasted in the least vulnerable places. If you live in the United States or another high-income country, you likely witness food waste every single day. Because food here is relatively abundant and inexpensive, most is wasted at the consumer level after it travels from where it's grown to the place it's purchased. Think pizza crusts, leftovers, and wilted greens. But food waste in high-income countries can also happen at the producer level. For example, [misshapen] or surplus produce that gets thrown out by farms isn't considered food loss just because it's pre-consumer. It's classified as waste too because it's discarded while it's still perfectly edible.

That's all for today! See you!

* Pronounced "ay-kers"