

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 991

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR Junior.

My hobbies are making things and fixing broken things. I like using my hands and tools. I also like to see how things work. I have an area in the garage for my hobbies.

A week ago, I made a shelf and painted it. Now we can use it in the living room for DVDs and books. I even fixed my brother's computer. In the future, I want to design and make a machine that will be good for the environment.

That is all for today, bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 991

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, we are going to [hear] about the interesting connection between Wellington and movie industries.

Wellington is often known as the last "fantasy land" in the movie industry. Located in [the] island of New Zealand, Wellington still remains its natural habitat [these] days. The woods, trees, and mountains are carefully protected by the officials. Directors and [the] head chief of the filmmakers have long seen this result as the last paradise of the wild, eventually leading them to create new stories there. Wellington always gives inspiration and amazement to everyone who sees [it]. The location is used in well-known stories such as the *Lord of the Rings* series nowadays, and will surely continue to show up in ~~the~~ upcoming movies too.

In short, protecting nature may connect different industries.

That's all for today. Hope to see you soon! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 991

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

In this video, I will talk about modern Sapeurs.

The Sapeur movement as seen today only came about after independence in 1960, when both Kinshasa and Brazzaville became centers for a new African Francophone elite. Congolese people are known for taking pride in their appearance – and Sapeurs [take] the art of looking good to the next level. There are currently at least 6,000 Sapeurs across the Democratic of Congo but most reside in Kinshasa, where they act as ambassadors not just for the country but the continent. When they walk down the streets, the city comes to a standstill. They are the nation's celebrities. Bold colored suits mix with unusual fabrics, designer prints, and props to bring about a composition that catches the eye. To Les Sapeurs their art is not just an expression, it is a way of life, a behavior, a philosophy. Members have their own code of honor, codes of professional conduct, and strict notions of morality that they live by such as: "A Congolese Sapeur is a happy man even if he does not eat, because wearing proper clothes feeds the soul and gives pleasure to the body."

Some condemn this way of life believing it to be superficial and selfishly ostentatious questioning why men who cannot eat would choose to buy a vintage YSL jacket instead of food. However, others believe that if this very act and way of life can bring about some small glimmer of hope, then why not? Why shouldn't the man be a plumber by day but a bright hero by night?

That's it! See you!