

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1050

Hello, everyone! Welcome Back to PR Junior.

Today, let me tell you about Puppy School.

How do they learn to be good dogs?

Some puppies go to a Puppy school. A puppy has to learn how to make friends with other dogs. Good puppies learn to come, and sit, and stay. They can walk and run with their owners. Puppies can go to Dog School when they [grow] up. They learn to do new things.

That's all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1050

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Take a listen [to] how Kyoto is tackling ~~with~~ [the] overtourism problem in the city.

Kyoto, a famous tourist spot, faces problems because too many visitors come, causing issues for locals and the environment. The city government made changes to handle these problems, like stopping the sale of certain bus passes and promoting a new pass for both subway and bus rides. They also encourage using a park-and-ride system to reduce traffic. The government uses social media to reach more tourists and raises parking fees near popular places. They also promote "empty-handed tourism" to lessen bus congestion by encouraging visitors not to bring big bags. They updated their website to help tourists find places to store their bags. Bus drivers have noticed fewer people carrying big bags.

That's all for today. See you in the next video!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1050

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today we are going to talk about the origin of wedding rings.

The exact history of the wedding ring isn't absolutely clear; however, one belief dates it to ancient Egypt.

Egyptian pharaohs believed that a ring symbolized eternity due to its circular shape with no beginning and no end. Egyptians also believed in 'veni amoris', the vein of love. It is the vein in the fourth finger on the left hand that directly connects to the heart; people still commonly wear a wedding ring on that finger.

When Alexander the Great conquered Egypt, Greeks adopted the tradition of giving a ring to show devotion and the tradition carried on when the Romans conquered the Greeks. According to some experts, the Romans viewed the ring as a symbol of a husband's ownership over his wife, contrary to a sign of love.

Later, rings became popular in the West, especially during World War II. Men were going off to fight, and they gave rings to their girlfriends as a promise to wed when they returned. In the 1950s, diamond company De Beers popularized the diamond ring for weddings and engagements. According to a survey, 86% of engagement rings in the US today include a diamond center stone, and an average wedding ring costs 6,000 dollars.

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