

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1051

Hey, everyone! Welcome back to the PR Junior dictation challenge!

Once upon a time there was a dear little girl who was loved by everyone who looked at her, but most of all by her grandmother, and there was nothing that she would not have given to the little girl.

Once she gave her a little cap of red, which fit her so well that she would never wear anything else. So she was always called Little Red Riding Hood.

Thank you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1051

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today we will be looking at jellyfish.

Jellyfish are fascinating sea creatures with soft, clear bodies and long, wiggly tentacles. They use these tentacles to catch food, like tiny fish and planktons, by stinging them with venom. Despite their simple bodies, Jellyfish have been around for millions of years and live all over the world, from cold oceans to warm ones. They are important parts of ocean life, but sometimes, too many jellyfish can cause problems for fishermen and tourists. Climate change is making oceans warmer and more acidic, which could affect jellyfish and the animals that eat them. By studying jellyfish, scientists hope to learn more about how they live and how to manage their populations better.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1051

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR 2!

Did you go see [the] cherry blossoms this year? Today I will talk about cherry blossom species in Japan. Let's begin!

Cherry blossoms, known as 'sakura' in Japanese, are iconic flowers of Japan, evoking a sense of the country for many people worldwide. This article introduces the diverse varieties and unique characteristics of sakura found throughout Japan.

There are 10 wild species of cherry blossoms native to Japan. Among them, the most common three species traditionally admired for their beauty include the Yama-zakura, followed by the Edohigan, and the Oshima-zakura, which are representative of wild species.

There are approximately fifty to sixty species of cherry worldwide, primarily distributed in the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere, particularly in the cool temperate zone. Actually, North America has only two species, and Europe has only three to four species. Overwhelmingly, the majority of cherry species are found in East Asia, with approximately thirty species in China alone. Given this distribution, it is reasonable to assume that cherry are associated with being flowers commonly seen in East Asia by people in Europe and North America.

Interestingly, overseas, the term "cherry" often refers to the sweet cherry, cultivated primarily for harvesting edible cherries. Even in China, cherry are not as commonly admired as ornamental flowers. Due to this distinction, in English, "cherry" typically denotes the fruit-bearing cherry tree, while cherry trees cultivated for ornamental purposes are referred to as 'flowering cherry' and similar terms.

That's all for today! See you!