

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1020

Hi everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Let's learn about Filipino food culture.

Many Filipinos have three meals a day with some snacks in between. They enjoy many kinds of snacks, both sweet and savory. Rice is a part of almost every meal. They make desserts with rice and coconut milk. Filipinos like eating soup, meat, vegetables, and a lot of different sauces. Families like to invite people to eat with them. Filipinos eat with a fork and a spoon, or with their hands.

That's it. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1020

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1! Today we will be looking at the ways to reduce garbage in our everyday life.

One way to reduce garbage is to save our resources. For example, we can write on both sides of our paper. We can use our own bags when we go shopping at the market. We can take our leftover food home from [a] restaurant. The other way is to start recycling garbage. Separating garbage is the first thing to do for recycling. We should separate garbage like cans, bottles, and paper. If we don't do this carefully, we will need more energy and money in towns and cities. The most difficult thing is how to change our way of thinking about garbage and recycling.

That's it for today! See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1020

Hello, everyone! This is PR2.

Today I will talk about a beetle that was almost mistaken for a bird poo. Are you ready?

Let's begin.

A Queensland researcher spotted the fluffy specimen by chance while camping and initially mistook it for bird poo.

"It's very unique. There are not many insects out there that have that trait," James Tweed told the BBC.

The national science agency CSIRO has since confirmed it's an entirely new family of longhorn beetle. When Mr. Tweed first spotted a tiny white object on a leaf in the Gold Coast hinterland in December 2021, he didn't think much of it. But after the entomologist did a double take, he realized it was in fact an insect unlike any he'd seen before. "It's about one centimeter long... and covered in long, fluffy white hairs," he said.

"A lot of the hairs stand basically straight upright, and so it gives it a bit of a Mohawk type look." Excited, he photographed and collected the beetle to be studied.

After posting to a Facebook group of insect enthusiasts turned up no answers, Mr. Tweed – who is a PhD candidate at [the] University of Queensland – took the bug to the CSIRO's Australian National Insect Collection, also known as ANIC.

Scientists have previously discovered other insect species with spiky hairs but this bug was different.

"I'm not aware of any other insects that have a hairdo like this one does."

In fact, it's so unlike any other species that it was declared an entirely new genus or family group of longhorn beetles by the ANIC

That's all for today! See you!