

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1021

Hi, everyone! This is PR Junior.

Today let me tell you about Mary's special lesson in Japan.

Mary is a high school student from Canada.

She came to Japan and stayed with the Saito Family in Tokyo for two weeks.

On the first day of her visit, Mrs. Saito made a special Japanese dinner at home.

She learned how to use chopsticks for the first time from her host family.

Mary had a very good time in Japan. She hopes to come back again in the future.

That's it for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1021

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to another PR1 movie!

Last class, I played Othello with my student. She suggested I speak about the game for my next movie, so let me teach you about it.

Originally, the game was called Reversi, which was invented by Lewis Waterman and John W. Mollett in 1883.

The modern version of this game is called Othello. It was patented in Japan in 1971 by Goro Hasegawa, who was a normal salesman. According to Hasegawa, the game dates back to 5,000 years.

Hasegawa named the game Othello after a play by Shakespeare, which is a drama between Othello, who is racially black, and Desdemona, who is racially white.

Well, I hope you learned something new today! I'll see you another time, goodbye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1021

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have another news story here for today's PR2 dictation video, and it's related to everyone's favourite topic: dinosaurs. But not only that; also Japan! Take a listen to this:

A lower jawbone fossil from a tyrannosaurid dinosaur was found in a roughly 74-million-year-old layer of earth from the late Cretaceous period in Kumamoto Prefecture, the first such discovery in Japan, local museums said February 15th. The finding is expected to advance studies regarding the classification of large theropods during the late Cretaceous period and the range of its habitat within Asia, according to the Goshuo Cretaceous Museum and the Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum. The fossil is believed to belong to a new species in the Tyrannosauridae family, with an estimated body length of about eight metres, according to a researcher at the dinosaur museum.

Oh, well there you go! It's not often you hear about tyrannosaurs and Japan in the same news story, so this is pretty exciting! Of course, Japan famously has the Fukuisaurus and Fukuiraptor, but most paleontological findings that you hear about usually involve footprints or some sea creature, so, you know, this discovery makes quite a nice change. And, as the article suggests, it could also tell us much more about how dinosaurs lived all those years ago.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.