

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1094

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, we will talk about Jack and his basketball team.

Jack runs a basketball club where teamwork and improvement matter most. He loves the game and teaches his players to work hard and support each other. They practice a lot and learn from their wins and losses. Jack's leadership helps the club win, and they always aim to do their best.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1094

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

The Earth is facing serious issues with space junk, and Japanese startup Astroscale is taking a leading role in addressing this problem. Recently, it had a very successful stock market debut, attracting significant attention.

The company estimates there are about 10,000 tons of space junk, posing a threat to active satellites and space stations. To combat this, Astroscale aims to create an orbital gripper that can capture old satellites and other space junk, pushing them toward Earth to burn up in the atmosphere.

This innovative approach has garnered government support from Japan, the US, and the UK. Additionally, Japanese investors are becoming increasingly interested in space technology firms. Tokyo has promised billion-dollar grants and contracts to double the size of its space industry and enhance national security.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1094

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR2!

Today we'll be talking about floating bamboo houses in Philippines. Are you guys ready?

Let's begin!

In the Agusan Marshlands of the Philippines, climate change is disrupting the everyday lives of the local population. The flooding season is now all year round and the severity of storms and typhoons has severely increased. But the Manobo tribe have mastered life on the water. Their traditional bamboo homes float on the water and are resilient to typhoons, storms and flooding.

Built 60 years ago, these bamboo houses were designed to flow with the water and be highly adaptable to environmental changes in the marshlands. Today the Manobo tribe have to deal with change on a daily basis. The water level can vary as much as 10m and is highly unpredictable as the flooding season has become erratic.

One of the leaders of the Manobo community, says the wetlands have shrunk in size during her lifetime. Another significant impact of climate change, which is very challenging to control, is the exponential growth of the invasive* water hyacinths, according to the protected area superintendent of Agusan Marsh. "The impact has been severe to the community. It has been a blockage to the water days," she says. "Sometimes it's been difficult to travel by boat going there, and the communities themselves are struggling, especially the indigenous people. It affects their everyday fishing."

The villagers are sometimes forced to relocate to a different part of the lake due to the encroachment. The community has adapted by dragging their floating houses to new locations, using ropes.

That's all for today! See you!

*Pronounced "in-VAY-siv"