

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1096

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Have you seen me wearing my glasses before?

Actually these are not real glasses. They are blue light filter glasses! They help protect my eyes from the strong blue light coming from my phone and computer screens. If you look at screens or other bright lights too much, it can damage your eyes or just give you a headache.

So, I recommend these glasses if you have a lot of screen time.

See you next time, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR 1 , 中級) No. 1096

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today we will be talking about [the] kimono.

The kimono, an iconic garment of Japanese culture, embodies elegance, tradition, and meticulous craftsmanship. Its origins trace back to the Heian period, evolving over centuries into a symbol of cultural identity and artistic expression. Characterised by its straight seams, T-shaped silhouette, and elaborate designs, the kimono reflects the wearer's status, occasion, and personal style. Its significance extends beyond fashion, representing Japan's rich history, values, and aesthetic sensibilities. Despite modernization, the kimono maintains its allure, values, celebrated in festivals, ceremonies, and contemporary fashion. Beyond its visual appeal, the kimono serves as a cultural ambassador, fostering appreciation and understanding of Japanese heritage worldwide. The kimono will continue to be a cherished emblem of Japanese identity, [revered] both domestically and internationally for its timeless elegance and cultural significance.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1096

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

I hope you're all having a fantastic day.

Today, I want to share something intriguing about a common greeting we all know: the handshake. Have you ever wondered where this custom comes from?

The handshake dates back to ancient times, possibly as far back as the 5th century BC. It's believed to have started in Greece as a gesture of peace, showing that neither person was carrying a weapon. By extending an empty right hand, people could demonstrate their peaceful intentions. This simple act of showing an open hand indicated that they meant no harm.

As time progressed, the handshake evolved into an emblem of trust and mutual respect. During the Roman era, individuals often grasped forearms instead of hands, which also facilitated the detection of concealed weapons. In medieval Europe, knights would shake hands to ensure their adversary was not secreting a weapon up their sleeve. This historical context underscores how the handshake was anchored in ensuring safety and fostering trust.

These days, the handshake has become a universal way to greet, seal agreements, and say goodbye.

Isn't it captivating how a simple gesture has such a rich history and remains significant in our daily interactions? Now that we've had the chance to learn about this interesting fact, let's keep in mind, whenever we do a handshake that this gesture conveys a sense of equality and mutual respect – whether in business, politics, or everyday social interactions.

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