

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1100

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, we will talk about Lucy and her first shopping experience.

On Saturday, Lucy has gone out to visit a shopping center. Lucy skipped alongside mom. They entered a store filled with toys and treats. Lucy walked around, staring at the toy section. Her mom showed her how to pay at the counter. Lucy handed over her coins to the cashier. As they left, Lucy hugged her new toy. Today, she learned that shopping was fun.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1100

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

When someone sneezes, we usually say bless you, right? Today, we are going to have a look at the origins of saying "bless you".

This phrase has several interesting origins. During the plague in the 6th century, Pope Gregory the First recommended saying "God bless you" to protect people from illness. Ancient superstitions also played [a] role; people believed sneezing expelled evil spirits, and saying "bless you" kept them away. Some cultures thought sneezing caused the soul to escape the body temporarily, and "bless you" protected the soul. Others believed the heart stopped when sneezing, and "bless you" welcomed the person back to life. These varied origins show how deeply rooted and widespread this practice has been across different cultures and eras.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1100

Hi, guys! Welcome back to another PR2 video.

Today I would like to introduce you [to] an article about the sense of hearing in eating. Let's get started!

Restaurant chefs, home cooks, and foodies – people who love good food – often say that we eat with all of our senses.

First, we use our sense of sight to appreciate how a meal is presented, either on a dinner plate or a dining table. Our sense of touch can also be important when preparing or sharing food. Next, with our sense of smell, we breathe in the mouth-watering aromas rising up from the meal. Finally, we enjoy and perhaps even savor the food with our sense of taste.

But what about our sense of hearing? Does sound also affect our dining experience? A new report answers, "yes," it does. That answer comes from researchers at Brigham Young University and Colorado State University in the United States. They found that hearing is important in the eating experience.

Hearing is often called "the forgotten food sense," says Ryan Elder. Elder is an assistant professor of marketing at Brigham Young University's Marriott school of management. He says that if people notice the sound the food makes as they eat it, they might eat less. On the other hand, watching loud television or listening to loud music while eating can hide such noises. And this could lead to overeating.

I'll stop here for today and we will continue [with] part two in the next video. See you!