Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 530

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.
This is part four of the story about the Litter King. Let's begin!

After the picnic, the children wanted to walk up the hill. Bill and Will began to run ahead. They both wanted to be first to get to the top.
"I'll race you up there," called Bill.
Lora's mum called everyone back.
"Look at all the litter you've left behind," she said.

That is all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1 , 中級) No. 530

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR 1.
Today, we are going to talk about Chile facing water shortages due to a rise in popularity of avocados in China. Let's begin.

While avocado has grown in popularity in China due to a fitness craze, it has led to a series of problems for the source country, which is Chile. By 2017, half of China's avocados came from Chile. Not only has the fruit tripled in price in Chile, it has led to water shortages since the avocado fruit requires a lot of water to grow. The amount of water it takes to produce one avocado is sufficient for three oranges or 14 tomatoes. Since avocado plantations have been extracting more water than authorized, local communities have been deprived (from) access to water. Some agricultural businesses resort to constructing illegal underground water systems to extract water from the national rivers to irrigate their avocado plantations.

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 530

Hey, guys! How are you doing?
Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.
I have another news story here relating to the vastness of outer space, and the origins of existence itself, which is always a pretty interesting subject, so take a listen to this:

The Hubble Space Telescope has peered back to the dawn of time and detected light from a star that existed within the first billion years after the Big Bang – a new record, astronomers said March 30th. The newly discovered star, named "Earendel," is so far away its light has taken 12.9 billion years to reach Earth, when the universe was 7% its current age. "We almost didn't believe it at first, it was so much farther than the previous most distant," said astronomer Brian Welch of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, lead author of a paper in *Nature* describing the discovery. The previous record-holder was detected in 2018 when the universe was 4 billion years old.

Huh, wow! So, that's pretty amazing, isn't it? We can now see something that existed right at the start of our universe's lifespan. And I guess that also means it's one of the furthest observable objects from the Earth, being apparently 12.9 billion light-years away. I'll let you calculate how far that is in kilometers, okay?
Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.