

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1017

Hello! This is PR Junior!

Today we will talk about a story called *Tooth Fairy*. Let's begin!

Ken had a wobbly tooth.

~~But~~ While he was playing with his sister, the [tooth] fell [out]. Ken didn't notice and swallowed it. Ken was sad because he [couldn't] get money from the tooth fairy. His sister felt bad for him so she gave him money – so did Mom and Dad! Ken was happy!

That's it for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1017

Hi, everyone! This is PR1.

Today let me tell you about *Clean-Up Day*.

Bill usually takes walks around his neighborhood. One day, he tried a new area.

He walked along the road from his house to a local park. Bill was surprised by the amount of garbage on the ground. So, he decided to do something about it.

That night, he talked to his friends and asked them to help him clean up.

He told them to meet at his house at nine next morning and to bring garbage bags and gloves.

When everyone arrived, they walked to the road and started to put the garbage into their bags. After they finished, Bill and his friends felt great. The road looked beautiful, and they were happy to help improve the environment.

This is all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1017

Hello, everyone!

We had the Eiken interviews a few weeks ago – I'm sure you all did your best, regardless of the results. In response to all the comments received regarding these interviews, and how difficult the questions were, I thought I'd share some tips for public speaking. Here is an excerpt from the Harvard Business Review:

Research shows that people form impressions about a leader's competence in as little as half a minute. What you say and how you say it are equally important.

First, make eye contact. Making eye contact is the first step to building trust with your listeners. "When humans observe others' faces, eyes are typically the first features that are scanned for information," according to one report. Try recording yourself practicing your presentation in front of a small audience like your family members or classmates. Watch the recording, noting all of the times you look at your slides instead of at your audience. Continue recording until you have the presentation down cold.

Second, keep an open posture. Open posture means that there's no barrier between you and the audience. This includes your arms. An uncomfortable speaker might unconsciously cross their arms, forming a defensive pose without being aware that they're doing it. Confident speakers, by contrast, keep their arms uncrossed with their palms turned up.

There's still a lot more to this article, but we'll stop here for now. Let me know if you would like a sequel! Stay confident everyone, and see you next time!