

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 1034

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, Mia is going to the hospital.

Mia sees nurses and doctors. They look very busy. Also, there are many pieces of equipment making beeping sounds. Nearby, a kind nurse approaches with a friendly smile, giving her candies. Mia loves to play with the toy medical kit, pretending to be a doctor caring for her teddy bear who fell off the swing.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1034

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Take a listen to the story of the Ferris wheel. Let's begin!

In the late 19th century, events called world's fairs were held in many different cities. People from all around the world gathered at these fairs to introduce inventions or technologies that had just been developed. Many things were first introduced at world's fairs in Philadelphia, in the United States. Also, the Eiffel Tower, which was built for the 1889 World's Fair in Paris, became famous all over the world.

After Paris, the next world's fair was held in Chicago in 1893. The planners wanted to build something that was as great as the Eiffel Tower. A man named George Ferris designed a giant wheel that carried people high above the ground so that they could see all around them. He called it a Ferris wheel.

Let's stop here for today, and we will continue in the next video. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1034

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to another PR2 video!

Today we will be talking about the concept of humor! Let's take a look!

One definition of humor is: 'something that makes a person laugh or smile'. Like all straightforward definitions, exceptions can be found. It's possible to claim that something is humorous, even though no one laughed at the time — and it can often happen that people laugh, but someone can claim 'that's not funny'. Smiling and laughter can also be a sign of fear or embarrassment. Despite these objections, the response is an important factor in counting something as humor. Examining the language can help to explain why people laugh.

People laugh in company. There is a strong social aspect to the way people respond to humor. If you watch your favorite comedy in the presence of people who remain straight-faced, it can stop you finding it so funny. Because it's important to sense other people responding to humor, 'canned laughter' is used for television or radio comedy. The same joke can work brilliantly in one context and die in another. Like other aspects of language, humor is a way in which people show their allegiance to a group. If someone signals their intention to say something humorous, the listeners are immediately ready to laugh. People often laugh when given this sort of cue, regardless of whether they even got the joke.

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