

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 104

Hello, everyone!

Try to write down everything you can hear, okay?

Dad had a little box. It was a present for Mum. Dad wanted to make Mum laugh. Mum and Dad had a party. Dad gave Mum a big box. Mum had a smaller box. "What is it?" she asked. The present got smaller and smaller and smaller. "This is for you," said Dad. "And this is for you," said Mum.

Aww, how nice!

Okay, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 104

Hey, guys! How's it going?

This time in our space adventure, the battle begins!

X-Wings attack the Death Star as it approaches and prepares to destroy the Rebel base. Waves of screaming TIE-Fighters defend the station. The Rebel pilots fight bravely but no one makes the perfect shot. Finally, it is Luke's turn. He flies his X-Wing down a narrow trench toward the vent. Suddenly, Darth Vader appears in a TIE-Fighter!

Oh, it looks like it's getting close to the climax!

Join me next time, okay? See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 104

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still being careful and considerate of others.

One of the biggest disruptions that this coronavirus pandemic has had on our lives is its impact on education. I did a video a little while ago about the education system in the UK, and though I think the means of getting into university generally work quite well, students still have to take exams and so, with schools being closed and exams being cancelled, there were inevitably some issues. Listen to this:

The British government faced the threat of legal action and criticism from its own lawmakers August 16th after it sparked anger by mishandling English exam grades during the pandemic. After a nationwide lockdown forced exams to be canceled, the government used an algorithm to assess grade predictions made by teachers, and lowered those grades for almost 40% of students taking their main school-leaving exams. That process led many students to lose places at top universities.

Ah, not good at all. I heard that, due to the mass outcry against this, the government did a U-turn on their handling of the situation, so hopefully these students will be okay.

Hmm, well, as always, guys, study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.