

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1054

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, let's follow Amy as she gets ready for school.

Amy wakes up at 7 in the morning. She makes her bed. She heads to the bathroom to brush her teeth and get dressed. Today, she chooses a pretty blue dress.

All set! Oh wait, she forgot her lunchbox. Quickly, she runs back home, grabs it from the kitchen, and heads off to school.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1054

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, let me tell you about where Silk comes from.

It's hard to believe, but a beautiful silk dress comes from thousands of worms!

Silk, one of the world's [most] important items, is made by insects called "silkworms".

It takes about 5,500 silkworms to make one kilogram of silk. The process was discovered by the Chinese about 5,000 years ago. Today, silk is produced in many countries, including India and Thailand, but more than 80 percent of the world's silk comes from China.

People love silk clothes because they are beautiful and comfortable. Silk feels cool in warm weather and warm in cool weather.

Now you know why Silk is so expensive!

This is all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1054

Hello, guys. Welcome back to another PR2 movie!

This is the sequel to the Starbucks boycott story. Let me explain the events following the suing and countersuing between Starbucks and the union.

Starbucks later released an official statement that read: "We unequivocally condemn these acts of terrorism, hate and violence, and disagree with the statements and views expressed by Workers United and its members." This has sparked even more public outrage, causing a worldwide boycott. Though it may not be related to the boycotts, it is important to note that Starbucks' market value has dropped by nearly 11 billion dollars during the past month, a 9.4% decline. The coffee chain's stock dropped 1.6% on December 7th, declining for a seventh consecutive market session. As I said, it may not directly show the effects of the boycott, but we can conclude that consumers have a lot of power in determining the fate of even large brands.

Consumers engaging in the boycotts, in my opinion, will continue to practice this until Starbucks, McDonald's, and other brands publicly show their support towards Palestine. Regardless, I genuinely hope for a ceasefire soon, or at least a humanitarian corridor for the innocent civilians.

That was a lot to cover today, so I'll see you next time! Let me know if you would like to learn more, since this was a very general explanation. Goodbye!