

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1078

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I am going to talk about the Tasmanian devils. Let's begin!

You can find the Tasmanian devils in remote parts of Tasmania, Australia.

It is about the size of a small dog.

It is called a devil because of its scary looks, bad temper, and the strange noise it makes.

It has large jaws, strong teeth, and is usually very angry.

But it doesn't often hunt other animals.

Instead, it eats animals that are already dead.

That's it! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1078

Hi there! Welcome back to PR1. And this is the second part of *The Ferris Wheel*.

Let's get started.

This first Ferris wheel was 80 meters tall, had 36 cars, and over 2,100 people could ride it at one time. During the World's Fair, it was ridden by over 1.5 million people.

The giant wheel was very expensive to build and very expensive to remove after the fair was over. Even though many people rode it, Ferris made very little money.

However, people continued to use his design to build modern Ferris wheels. Some people design smaller Ferris wheels that are easy to move from one park to another.

Whatever size they are, Ferris wheels are enjoyed by people around the world.

That's the end of the story. Goodbye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1078

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a news story here that's extremely relevant, not only to me but to this whole channel and everything we're doing here, and that is the English skills of Japanese students. Take a listen to this:

The English proficiency of public junior and senior high school students in Japan is continuing to improve, an Education Ministry survey showed May 9th. The proportion of third year junior high schools with English skills equivalent to grade 3 or higher in the Eiken proficiency tests rose to 50% in the fiscal 2023 survey, up 0.8 percentage point from the previous year. The share of third year senior high school students with English skills equivalent to grade pre-2 or higher Eiken levels was up 1.9 points at 50.6%.

Ah yes, so I was wondering what it was referring to when it mentioned improved proficiency, and it turns out that it was merely referring to Eiken scores. Of course, this is still a positive improvement and of course, passing your Eiken tests is very important and very commendable, but as we know, the Eiken test itself is not an entirely accurate indication of developing English skills overall.

No, to hone those, you need to continue watching these videos and use English in conversation or any other opportunity as much as you can.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.