

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1093

Hi, everyone! This is PR junior!

Do you know the doll “Barbie”? Let’s [look at] the story of Barbie.

A little girl, Barbara Handler, doesn’t want baby dolls.

She doesn’t want animal toys. She wants a grown-up doll.

Barbara’s mother and father want to buy her a grown-up doll.

But, [there] are no grown-up dolls. So they make many “Barbie” dolls. They make clothes and shoes for it, too.

Today, Barbie is famous! Many people know Barbie.

This is all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1093

Hi there! Welcome back to PR1.

Take a listen to the second part of *Snacks for Sailors*.

The English word “cracker” was not used until 1801. One day, Bent was baking pieces of hardtack. The pieces burned, and they made a crackling sound. When he heard this sound, he thought of the word “cracker.” Bent also wanted to sell his crackers to people other than sailors. He put salt in his recipe to make them more delicious.

Bent’s crackers became very popular in the northeastern United States, and people there often put them in soup. Soon, people in other parts of the country began eating them. Later, a company called Nabisco bought both Pearson’s and Bent’s bakeries. Nabisco continued to use Bent’s recipe, but it gave the crackers a new name, saltines

That’s all for the story. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1093

Hello, it's Ayaka. Today is officially my last day at Inter TOMAS!

For a year and a half, I've been blessed with kind, hardworking students and teachers. Although I was labeled as the teacher, I also learned a myriad of things about, of course, the English language, but also how to connect with people.

The job description was to teach English, which I can do, but you need to earn the students' trust to teach an effective lesson. English as an extracurricular is not mandatory like school subjects, so creating a fun, educational environment was an indispensable element for me. Anyways, I was very lucky to meet and build teacher-student relationships with hardworking individuals.

English is a subject at school, and therefore your ability to use English is oftentimes graded with a single letter or number. However, languages are rather a tool to communicate with people. Instead of using the trickiest words and form the most grammatically complex phrases, what truly matters are your efforts to deliver the message to the other person, along with body language.

So I encourage you all to study hard, master the English language, and simultaneously master the art of communication.

That may have gotten a little too philosophical, but I will close this video with a sincere appreciation for all of you this past year.

Goodbye for now, and I hope our paths cross again sometime in the future! Goodbye!