

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 116

Hello, everyone!

Write down as many words as you can, including these words.

Biff couldn't sleep. Dad told her a story. The story was about a dragon. Biff dreamed about the dragon. It was a nasty dragon. Biff had to fight it. Biff went downstairs. Mum told her a story about a dolphin. Biff dreamed about a dolphin.

Hmm, that's much nicer, isn't it?

Okay, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 116

Hey, guys! How's it going?

Now, last time in our space adventure, the Rebels narrowly escaped their base on Hoth before Darth Vader arrived. But what about our hero, Luke? Let's find out:

Luke and R2-D2 escape, too. They set off for the planet Dagoba and crash-land in a swamp. Luke finds Yoda and asks the powerful Jedi master to train him in the ways of the Force. Luke's training is difficult. He runs and jumps and swings on vines, all with Yoda on his back.

A-ah! So, do you think Luke can become strong from this training? Let's find out next time!

See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 116

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying careful and safe.

Now, I have a story here that was all over international news recently, so take a listen:

A couple's plan to reveal their baby's gender went up in flames September 5th when the device they used sparked a wildfire that burned thousands of acres and forced people to flee from a city east of Los Angeles. The fire prompted evacuations in parts of Yucaipa, a city of 54,000, and the surrounding area. The fire grew to 30 square kilometers by the morning of September 7th, and was only minimally contained by more than 500 firefighters on the scene. Wildfires have burned more than 2 million acres in California this year, setting a state record in sweltering temperatures.

Wow. Now, accidents do happen, but causing this much damage and devastation just for the sake of a gender reveal is ridiculously irresponsible. And if you don't know what a gender reveal is, it's when a couple or a mother-to-be wants to announce the gender of the baby they are about to have. And in some places – especially in America, it seems – they do this in some grand, unnecessarily flamboyant way, with balloons, or magic tricks, or raging fires. I guess the lesson to learn from this is that we all just have to be sensible and smart.

And, of course, as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.