

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 117

Hello, everyone!

Do you know this book? It is called *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. And I think many of you have read it before – either in English, or Japanese, or maybe both!

I think it has been read by many children in many different languages all over the world, over many, many years. Even I read this book when I was a child!

Let's read it together next time, okay?

See you then!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 117

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So, last time in our space adventure, Luke arrived on Dagoba and started his training with the Jedi master, Yoda. Let's see how it's going...

Suddenly, Luke's X-Wing fighter begins sinking into the swamp. He tries to raise it with the power of the Force, but can't. It's too big. Yoda is disappointed. The little green Jedi master closes his eyes, points his claw, and raises Luke's X-Wing using the Force. "Size matters not," Yoda says.

Wow! So, he is pretty strong then! Hopefully Luke can get stronger, too!

Alright, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 117

Hey, everyone!

Welcome to PR2 dictation. Today, I am going to be reading a little bit from the Tohoku University's past entrance exam of 2019. Take a listen to this and see if you can understand:

No one can say precisely how much handwriting has declined with the advent of information technology. In June a British survey of 2,000 people gave some idea of the extent of the damage. According to the study, one in three respondents had not written anything by hand in the previous six months. On average they had not put pen to paper in the previous 41 days. People undoubtedly write more than they suppose, but one thing is certain: with information technology we can write so fast that handwritten copy is fast disappearing in the workplace. In the United States they have already made allowance for this state of affairs. Given that email and texting have replaced snail mail, and that students take notes on their laptops, "cursive" writing – a style of writing with the letters in a word joined together – has been dropped from the Common Core Curriculum Standards. Since 2013, American children have been required to learn how to use a keyboard and write in printed form. But they will no longer need to worry about the up and down strokes involved in cursive writing.

Okay, did you guys understand that? Can you guys write in cursive? Maybe some of you guys can; maybe some of you guys can't – please tell me!

I will see you guys in another video, okay? Take care, bye!