

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 123

Hello, everyone!

Let's read the rest of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

Now, he wasn't hungry anymore. And he wasn't a little caterpillar anymore. He was a big, fat caterpillar. He built a small house called a cocoon around himself. He stayed inside for more than two weeks. Then, he nibbled a hole in the cocoon, pushed his way out, and... he was a beautiful butterfly.

That's nice, isn't it?

Okay, guys, see you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 123

Hey, guys! How's it going?

Let's catch up with Han Solo and the other heroes...

Han Solo flies the Millennium Falcon to the cloud city of Bespin. He hopes his old friend Lando Calrissian can help them. Han doesn't know that they are being followed... by Boba Fett! Lando gives Han and his friends a warm welcome. But something isn't right... Darth Vader and Boba Fett are waiting for them!

Oh, no! So, it was a trap! Lando betrayed his friends! But I guess the Empire arrived before our heroes did so there was nothing he could do. Hmm. Let's see what happens next time!
See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 123

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Have you heard of an animal called an African wild dog or Cape hunting dog? They live on the African savannah and look a little bit like hyenas, but their behavior and, I think, intelligence are quite different. Take a listen to this:

The African wild dog uses the unique hunting style of chasing prey over long distances until the target collapses from exhaustion, instead of relying upon speed, strength, or stealth. A comprehensive new anatomical study of this endangered species, also known as the African painted dog or Cape hunting dog, has identified crucial evolutionary adaptations for endurance running in the animal's forelimb bones, muscles, and ligaments that help sustain its life on the run. Close-knit nomadic packs of 20 to 30 African wild dogs, native to southern and eastern Africa, hunt prey using complex coordinated strategies, often traveling up to 50 kilometers daily.

Wow! I heard about this hunting style when I was younger, probably from some wildlife documentary, and I always thought it was quite interesting to see an example in nature of "slow and steady wins the race".

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