

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 131

Hello, everyone!

Try to write down every single word.

Dad made a go-kart. Biff wanted the go-kart. Chip wanted the go-kart, too. Biff wanted a go. Chip wanted a go. Biff pushed, Chip pulled. They had a fight. "Stop it!" said Mum and Dad. Dad put the go-kart away. They made a swing. Oh, no!

They are fighting again!

Okay, guys, see you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 131

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So, the final part of our space adventure started with Han Solo trapped at Jabba the Hutt's palace. But where are the other heroes? Let's continue now:

A mysterious bounty hunter arrives to collect a reward for capturing Han's Wookie copilot, Chewbacca. The bounty hunter is really Princess Leia! Under cover of night, she frees Han from his icy prison. Unfortunately, Jabba's Gamorrean guards quickly capture them.

Ah, so Princess Leia's rescue attempt failed. But at least they're together again. Let's see if Luke shows up soon!

Alright, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 131

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

A while ago we talked a little bit about the Vikings, the warrior race from Scandinavia who invaded and settled in England and other parts of Europe many, many years ago. They're a big part of British history, and also pretty big in modern pop-culture – especially in recent years. But that popularized image of Vikings may not be entirely accurate. Take a listen to this:

In the popular imagination, the Viking warriors who raided northern Europe from the eighth century were tall and fair. In fact, according to a new study, they were far more diverse than previously thought. The study, published September 16th in the journal *Nature*, highlights the genetic diversity found in Scandinavia at the time of the Vikings, who hailed from present-day Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. Owing to migration from mainly southern and eastern Europe, "Viking Scandinavia had more dark-haired people than present-day Scandinavia," said Ashot Margaryan, a professor at the University of Copenhagen who co-authored the study.

Ah, so there you go! I think it's definitely worth looking into the history of Vikings, as it's very interesting.

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