

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 138

Hi, everyone!

Welcome to PR Junior dictation! Today I will read this book: *Spot Goes to the Park*.

Let's all go to the park, Spot! It's so nice today! Wait for us, Spot! Helen! Spot! Don't chase the pigeons! Now, Spot and Helen play piggy-in-the-middle with Tom.

Okay, I'll see you next time! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 138

Hi, everyone!

Welcome to PR1 dictation. Today, I will be reading to you from this book called *England*.

Who are the English? The name, 'England', comes from 'Angle-Land'. The Angle and Saxon people came here from Europe in the fifth and sixth centuries and they called it 'Angle-land'. Before them, the Romans lived here for about 400 years. They made houses and roads. And they made a town next to the River Thames and called it *Londinium*. Today its name is London. The Angles and Saxons came across the North Sea from north-west Germany and southern Denmark. Later, the Vikings came from Denmark and Norway.

Okay, did you guys understand that? I will see you guys in another video, okay? Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 138

Hello, everyone! How are you?

Welcome to PR2 dictation. Today, I am going to be reading from *The Intellectual Devotional*. Today's topic is going to be on *Beowulf*.

The eighth-century poem *Beowulf*, whose author remains unknown, is the great heroic epic of Old English. From its pages, scholars have learned volumes about the development of the English language. It also reflects the mix of pagan traditions and Christianity that characterized northern Europe during the early Middle Ages.

Beowulf opens at the mead hall of the Danish king, Hrothgar, in the sixth century. For years, a monster called Grendel has terrorized Hrothgar's court, breaking in at night and [devouring] [his] warriors. Beowulf, a young prince from Greatland (a region in the south of Sweden), arrives out of the blue with a band of men and dispatches the monster quickly. Grendel's equally fearsome mother, however, returns to avenge her son, so Beowulf tracks her down to her lair and slays her as well. Upon returning to his kingdom a hero, Beowulf rules as king for fifty years and eventually dies defending his people from a dragon.

Okay, that was the basic storyline of a very, very famous Old English story. Did you guys like that? I will see you guys in another video, okay? See you!