

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 143

Hello, everyone! How are you?

I am going to read this book: *Mouse Soup*.

A mouse was walking through the woods. A nest of bees fell from a tree. It landed on the top of his head. "Bees!" said the mouse. "You will have to fly away. I do not want a nest of bees sitting on top of my head!"

What will happen to the mouse? Tell me what you think. I'll see you in the next video. Bye!

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 143

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR1 dictation.

Today, I will be reading a little bit from this book: *Beauty and the Beast*. Take a listen to this and see if you can understand:

She was the prettiest of the three sisters, so her father always called her "Beauty". Beauty's sisters were very jealous of her because she was also kinder and wiser. Beauty was happy with simple things. She liked birds and books. She spent her time walking in the garden or reading books with her father. She always said "please" and "thank you" and never asked for more than he gave. Every Sunday, she gave some of her own money to the poor at church.

Okay, did you understand that? I chose this because there is the new attraction at Disneyland with the *Beauty and the Beast* castle. Maybe some of you have been there? If you have, tell me what it was like.

I'll see you in another video! Bye!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 143

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR2 dictation.

Today, I am going to be reading from *The Intellectual Devotional*. Today's topic is on the Spanish Civil War, so take a listen to this and see if you can understand:

The Spanish Civil War was a bloody conflict that lasted from 1936 until 1939, killing hundreds of thousands of soldiers and civilians. Both sides in the war – left-wing socialists loyal to the government and the eventually victorious nationalist rebels under the command of General Francisco Franco – committed acts of terrible brutality. Estimates of the death toll range as high as one million. In its ferocity, the Spanish Civil War was a grim preview of World War Two. Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany both sided with Franco, and both Axis powers used Spain as a laboratory to test the weapons and tactics they would soon inflict on the rest of Europe. In 1937, the German air force bombed the Spanish town of Guernica, killing hundreds of civilians and inspiring Pablo Picasso's famous antiwar painting, *Guernica* (1937). While Germany and Italy aided Franco's rebels, the Soviet Union supplied arms to the loyalists. Preserving the elected Spanish government became a romantic cause celebre among communists and left-leaning Western intellectuals. Many Americans and Europeans volunteered for the loyalist army. Famous writers, including George Orwell and Ernest Hemingway, flocked to Spain.

Okay, I will cut it there. Did you guys understand that? I hope you guys did!

I'll see you guys in another video, okay? See you!