

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 146

Hi, everyone!

Welcome to PR Junior dictation. Today, I will keep reading *Mouse Soup*.

But the bees said, “We like your ears. We like your nose. We like your whiskers. Oh, yes. This is a fine place for our nest. We will never fly away.”

Okay, tell me what you thought of that. I wonder what will happen next! I will see you in another video. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 146

Hello, everyone! How are you?

Welcome to PR1. Today I will be reading from this book: *English Folk Tales*. Today, I will be reading to you an extract from *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Take a listen to this:

Once upon a time, a poor woman lived in a little house many, many miles away from London. Her husband died and she and her only child Jack lived together. Jack meant everything to the poor woman and because he was all that she had, she gave him everything that he wanted. If he wanted more food, she gave him more food. If he wanted more clothes, she bought him more clothes. As a result, Jack thought of no one but himself. Since Jack wanted many things, they quickly ran out of all that they had.

Hmm, I wonder what will happen next! You'll have to check the next video!

I'll see you next time. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 146

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I'm sure you all heard that viral *Baby Shark* song at some point. You know, the one that goes— ...no, I'm not going to sing it. Well, that song actually made the news recently, but perhaps not in the way that you would think. Take a listen to this:

Two former Oklahoma jail employees and their supervisor face misdemeanor cruelty charges after investigators found they forced inmates to stand handcuffed for hours and listen to the children's song *Baby Shark* on repeat, a prosecutor said October 5th. At least four inmates were secured to wall with their hands cuffed behind them while the song played on a loop at a loud volume for hours, *The Oklahoma[n]* reported. The separate incidents occurred in November and December, according to court records. "It was unfortunate that I could not find a felony statute to fit this fact scenario," District Attorney David Prater said. "I would have preferred filing a felony charge on this behavior."

Huh! Well, that might sound like a fairly funny story (and certainly quite relatable, because who wouldn't choose that song to torture someone?) but playing loud noises at length is actually a genuine form of torture and torture is never really a laughing matter.

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