

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 149

Hello, everyone!

Today, I will be reading *Curious George*.

George is excited about his new toolbox. Help George fix things around the house. Tap, tap, tap. One, two, three. Hit the stake – which tool will it be? Hammer or wrench? Right for tight, left for loose. Fix the wheel – which tool will you choose?

See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 149

Hello, everyone!

Today, we will continue reading our book from last time, *Eggs*:

The answer was so simple. All he had to do was wait outside for the papergirl, meet her down at the end of the block. Hanging on the corner, he worked on his yo-yo stunts and thought about the paper. He was sure the entire front page would be filled with the story. There would be a big picture, maybe in colour, showing the mound of leaves and the beautiful face and the yellow egg. And the headline, [with] letters fat as fingers, would say: “Body Found in Park”.

Okay, everyone, good job! See you next time.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 149

Hey, guys! How's it going? Welcome to PR2 dictation.

Today, I am going to be reading from *The Intellectual Devotional*, as usual, and today's topic is going to be on the Irish Potato Famine. Some of you may be familiar with the topic, perhaps if you take world history at high school, but maybe some of you have not heard about this, so take a listen to this and see if you can understand:

In a single ten-year period from 1841 to 1851, hundreds of thousands of impoverished farmers in Ireland starved to death in one of the worst famines in modern European history. By some estimates, the population of the Emerald Isle fell by 20 percent. The famine was a human catastrophe of tragic proportions and had profound implications far beyond Ireland's shores. It prompted a huge exodus of starving famers from the island, many of whom migrated to the United States to seek a better life, forming one of the first major waves of immigration into the States. For generations, potatoes thrived in Ireland's soil and were the country's main crop. In the 1840s, however, a potato fungus destroyed the potato plant and sparked a widespread famine, as many Irish farmers had no other supply of food.

Okay, I will stop it there. Hmm, it's very scary to think that there is no food, especially living in a generation where you can just pop on by to the supermarket to get anything at any time.

Anyway, I'll see you guys in another video, so take care, and see you soon. Bye!

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