

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 154

Hello, guys!

Today, we will be reading *Friends Rule!* Are you ready?

Flip through each other's family photo albums and look at baby pictures of you and your friend. Share your favorite baby stories and ask your friend about her favorite memories. Have you seen your baby pictures?

Okay, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 154

Hey, guys! How are you?

Welcome to PR1 dictation. We are onto part three of *Jack and the Beanstalk* so tune in and see if you can understand.

Jack headed to the village with the cow. He and the cow walked for a little while until Jack came to a butcher. The butcher asked where he was bringing the cow. "I'm selling the cow," Jack said. Jack could see that the butcher held some strange beans in his hand. The beans were such bright colors that Jack saw them right away. The butcher saw Jack look at the beans and he knew he could get Jack to give him the cow for the beans. "I will buy the cow from you," the butcher said. "I can pay you with these magic beans, instead of money."

Hmm. Is Jack going to buy the beans or not? Let's see what will happen in the next video! I'll see you next time, bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 154

Hello, everyone!

I hope that you are all doing great. Today, we are gonna finish the passage from this book: the Keio University Entrance Exam. Last time, we talked about the “winner effect”. Let’s see where it goes this time:

Put in more scientific terms, the winner effect is the result of “neuroplasticity,” or the way neural connections in our brains are constantly changing. Each time the mouse wins due to brain stimulation, the underlying structure of its brain changes a little bit. Over time, the mouse has essentially been rewired to be more aggressive in dominance games. Light stimulation isn’t the only way to do this; animals can undergo changes in their brain through new experiences or learning. But brain stimulation works remarkably fast. For now, this research could only lead to a more aggressive mouse army. But in the future, it could help people overcome social anxiety by giving them a little boost of assertiveness at just the right moment. Or it could create an army of hyper-aggressive super-soldiers. What could go wrong?

Alright, guys, I’m very excited to see how this goes in the future. How about you? Take care, and, as always, stay safe. I’ll see you next time.

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