

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 157

Hello, everyone!

I hope that you are happy and safe. Let's read *Friends Rule!*

Friendships are kind of like roller-skates. Sometimes the road is smooth, and sometimes it's bumpy and tough. You go up and down hills and sometimes you fall and scrape your knee. But usually, you have a fun ride.

Alright, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 157

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, the Rebels destroyed the Death Star and with the Emperor vanquished, it looks like the evil Empire is gone for good. Let's read the end of our story now:

The evil Empire is defeated! There is a celebration from Tatooine all the way to Endor. The Ewoks sing and dance and everybody cheers with joy. Luke is happy the galaxy is safe. The Force is at peace once again.

So, our heroes did it! Good always triumphs over evil. And with that, our epic space adventure finally comes to an end. I hope you liked listening to it, and trying to write some of it down. Thank you for joining me, guys! I'll see you next time! Bye.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 157

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR2 dictation.

Today, I am going to be continuing from my last video about the decline of handwriting from the Tohoku University past entrance exam of 2019. Take a listen to this and see if you can understand:

This reform prompted lively controversy. In an editorial, the *Los Angeles Times* hailed a step forward. “States and schools shouldn’t cling to cursive writing based on the romantic idea that it’s a tradition, an art form, or a basic skill whose disappearance would be a cultural tragedy. Of course, everyone needs to be able to write without computers, but doesn’t necessarily have to learn cursive writing.”

Some states, such as Indiana, have decided to go on teaching cursive writing in school. Without this [skill], they assert, young Americans will no longer be able to read birthday cards from their grandparents, comments by teachers on their assignments, or the original, handwritten text of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. What really matters is not how we produce a text but its quality. When we are reading, few of us wonder whether a text was written by hand or word-processed. But experts on writing do not agree: pens and keyboards bring into play very different cognitive processes. “Handwriting is a complex task which requires various skills – feeling the pen and paper, moving the writing implement, and directing movement by thought,” says Edouard Gentaz, professor of developmental psychology at the University of Geneva. “Children take several years to master this precise motor exercise: you need to hold the scripting tool firmly while moving it in such a way [as] to leave a different mark for each letter.”

Okay, did you guys understand that? I hope you guys did!

I’ll see you guys in another video, okay? Take care! Bye.