

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 158

Hi, everyone!

Welcome to PR Junior dictation. Today is part six for *Mouse Soup*.

“And now, I will go to sleep,” said the mouse. He ducked his head under the mud.

“Oh, no,” said the bees. “We like your front door. We like your living room. We like your bedroom. But no, no, no. We do not like your bed.” The bees jumped up into the air and flew away. The mouse went home to take a bath.

There we go! Hmm, what a smart mouse! Did you guys enjoy that? I will see you in another video. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 158

Hello, guys!

I hope you are all doing fantastic. Today, we will continue reading this book: *Eggs*. Let's see:

Tuesday was more of the same: a ride to the park, newspaper, TV. He even widened his search at the park, in case it was animals after all, and they carried her off and maybe buried her so they could go back and dig her up whenever they got hungry, like squirrels with acorns. He found nothing that looked like a freshly dug hole. Wednesday he called the police. He thought about biking to the station and talking to them in person, but he chickened out.

Alright, guys, take care and I will see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 158

Hello, guys! Hope you are doing well.

This week, we will read about robots on the Keio University entrance exam. Let's see:

When science fiction writers first imagined robot invasions, the idea was that bots would become smart and powerful enough to take over the world by force, whether on their own or as directed by some evildoer. In reality, something only slightly less scary is happening. Robots are getting better, every day, at impersonating humans. When directed by opportunists, malefactors, and sometimes even nation-states, they pose a particular threat to democratic societies, which are premised on being open to the people. Robots posing as people have become a menace. Philip Howard, who runs the Computational Propaganda Research Project at Oxford, studied the deployment of propaganda bots during voting on Brexit, and the recent American and French presidential elections. Twitter is especially distorted by its millions of robot accounts; during the French election, it was principally Twitter robots who were trying to make hashtag: 'Macron Leaks' into a scandal. Facebook has admitted it was essentially hacked during the American election in November. In Michigan, Mr. Howard notes, "junk news was shared just as widely as professional news in the day[s] leading up to the election."

Pretty scary!

Alright, guys, stay safe, and I'll see you next time.