

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 159

Hello, guys! How are you?

Today, we will read a story about a chicken.

One day a nut fell on Chicken Licken. "Ouch! The sky is falling down!" said Chicken Licken. "I must tell the king." On the way he met Henny Penny. "The sky is falling down," said Chicken Licken. "I'm going to tell the king."

Alright, guys, I will see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 159

Hi, everyone! How are you?

This is another PR1 dictation video, and I am going to use this book: *Australia and New Zealand*. I will be talking about New Zealand today.

Auckland, the most northern of New Zealand's four main cities, has the biggest population – 1.2 million people live there. It is the biggest city, too. To get from one end of Auckland to the other, you need to travel more than fifty kilometers. Auckland has two harbours, the Manukau on the west coast and the [Waitemata] on the east coast; at the narrowest part of the city [it] is only 1.5 kilometers from [one] harbor to the other. Many people in Auckland like sailing, and on fine days, Aucklanders love to swim and sail in the harbor. One of Auckland's names is 'the City of Sails'.

Okay, did you guys understand that? I will see you guys in another video. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 159

Hello, everyone! I hope you are all doing great.

Last time, we started reading a passage about robots on the Keio University entrance exam. Now today, we will continue that passage.

Robots are also being used to attack the democratic features of the administrative state. This spring, the US put its proposed revocation of net neutrality up for public comment. In previous years, such proceedings attracted millions of commentators. This time, someone with an agenda but no actual public support unleashed robots who impersonated – via stolen identities – hundreds of thousands of people, flooding the system with fake comments against federal net neutrality rules. To be sure, today's impersonation-bots are different from the robots imagined in science fiction: they aren't sentient, don't carry weapons, and don't have physical bodies. Instead, fake humans just have whatever is necessary to make them seem human enough to "pass": a name, perhaps a virtual appearance, a credit-card number, and, if necessary, a profession, birthday, and home address. They are brought to life by programs or scripts that give one person the power to imitate thousands.

Which one is more frightening to you? The robots in science fiction movies? Or the robots that we are dealing with today?

Alright, guys, take care and stay safe! I will see you next time.