

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 160

Hello, guys! I hope you are great.

Today, we will continue *Chicken Licken*.

“I’ll come too,” said Henny Penny. And off they went to find the king. On the way, they met Cocky Locky. “The sky is falling down,” said Chicken Licken. “I’m going to tell the king.”

Let’s see what happens next time!

See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 160

Hi, everyone! And welcome to PR1.

Today, I am going to be reading from this book: *Japan*. Let’s see if you can understand.

Arts and crafts are important in Japanese life. Some of these first came to Japan in ancient times: calligraphy, a kind of beautiful writing, ikebana, working with flowers, and bonsai, small beautiful trees. In the early 1800s, people began to make and sell ukiyo-e – pictures of geisha, the theatre, or beautiful things like cherry blossoms. One of the most famous names from this time is Hokusai. He made pictures of the countryside of Japan, and *The Great Wave*, one of his pictures from the 1830s, is famous around the world. Japan is now known for its modern art too, and in many of its crafts, people can see the arts of old Japan with new ideas from the west.

Okay, did you guys like that? I hope you guys did! I will see you guys in another video.

Take care! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 160

Hey guys, how're you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, 2020 has definitely been a bit of a crazy year, and there has been a lot of negative news throughout – not just surrounding this coronavirus pandemic, but also the US election, various cases of civil rights violations, and a ton of other nasty stuff – and so I thought it would be nice to look at a story that's relatively inconsequential, but rather cute. Take a listen:

The population of Galapagos penguin and flightless cormorants, two species endemic to the islands, has seen a record increase, study results released October 23rd showed. The Galapagos penguin is one of the smallest species of penguins in the world, measuring up to 35 centimeters tall, and the cormorants on the islands are the only type to have lost their ability to fly – but they have developed diving skills. “The number of cormorants has reached a record number, according to historical data dating back to 1977, while the number of penguins is at the highest since 2006,” said a statement from the Galapagos National Park, which carried out the census

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Huh! Well, that's nice, isn't it? I'm not sure how important that story is, but it's always nice to read about penguins, especially when they're super-little!

Alright, guys, well, as always: study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.