

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 161

Hello, everybody! How are you?

I hope you are doing great. Let's read *Chicken Licken*.

"I'll come too," said Cocky Locky. And off they went to the king. On the way, they met Ducky Lucky. "The sky is falling down," said Chicken Licken. "I'm going to tell the king."

Okay, guys, let's see what happens!

See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 161

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

I will continue reading *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Let's see what happens next.

Jack was a very foolish boy and he believed the butcher when the butcher told Jack that the beans were magic. Right away, Jack agreed to sell the cow for the magic beans. Jack walked home and was excited to surprise his mother. His mother could not believe her eyes. Where was their money? What had Jack done? How could he have sold their cow for beans? Now they would have no food. Now they did not even have their cow. They had nothing. She was so angry that she shouted and she kicked the beans out of Jack's hand.

I wonder what will happen next! You'll have to listen to the next video.

Okay, bye, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 161

Hey guys, how're you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, in light of all the troubling and anxiety-inducing news we've all been getting lately, I thought it'd be nice to stick with stories that are a little more positive, and maybe quite charming. Take a listen to this:

When it comes to friendships, people are known to become more selective with age. It turns out the same is true of male chimps, who have fewer yet more genuine pals to ape around with as they get older, according to a study published in the journal *Science* on October 22nd. The research, led by animal psychologist Alexandra Rosati at the University of Michigan, is said to provide the first evidence that animals exhibit age-related social selectivity. It had been theorized that, as people age, they focus on the oldest and most important friends rather than looking for new ones because of their approaching sense of mortality.

Hmm. Well, I'm not sure it's because of an "approaching sense of mortality", but I definitely have fewer friends now than I did when I was a bit younger. Of course it depends where you are and what you're doing with your life, but I think it's pretty common to have a smaller group of close friends that you regularly keep in contact with as you start to get older. So, don't be alarmed if this happens to you, too.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.