

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 166

Hello, everyone!

Are you having a great day? Let's start reading a new book called *Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid*.

Stink was short. Short, shorter, shortest. Short as an inchworm. Short as a stinkbug. Stink was the shortest one in the Moody family. The shortest second-grader in class 2D. Probably the shortest human being in the whole world, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Wow! Stink is really short!

I will see you next time!

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 166

Hi, guys! How are you?

Welcome to PR1. Today, I will continue to read *Jack and the Beanstalk*. In my last video, Jack climbed up but he could not find anything. Let's see what happens next...

He thought about what she would be doing and if she was sad that he was gone. He wondered if he would die from being so hungry up here in this land in the sky. After resting for a little while, he walked on in search of something to eat or drink. Far away, he saw a young woman. She was beautiful and wore a very pretty dress. She had a small, white wand in her hand. She came over to Jack.

I will stop it there. I wonder who the woman is! You'll have to see in the next video!

Alright, guys, take care! Bye!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 166

Hey guys, how're you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I'm going to stick with the theme of positive or, at least, interesting news again today, as there's plenty of negative news to go around elsewhere, and this time, we're back in space. Take a listen:

Experiments on mice that were taken to the International Space Station have shown an internal protein has the potential to help slow the aging process, according to a joint study by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and Tohoku University. While in space, the mice went through biological changes similar to aging, only fast-forwarded, and the protein – called nuclear factor erythroid two-related factor two, or Nrf2 (phew, that's a mouthful!) – slowed down part of the transformation, JAXA said. The team hopes the discovery will pave the way for the development of drugs to treat a broad range of illnesses associated with old age, such as Alzheimer's and diabetes.

When I first read this headline, I was a little surprised because it says, "space mice uncover protein to combat aging", which sounds like a team of mice in their cute, little spacesuits went on a mission by themselves – or it was a team of alien mice from a different planet. Now, that would definitely be newsworthy!

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