

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 175

Hello, guys!

Let's see what Stink is doing today...

"If I pull your arms and Mum and Dad each take a leg, we could stretch you out like a rubber band. Then you would be taller!"

Stink did not want to be a rubber band. So, he ate all his peas at dinner. He did not hide even one in his napkin. He drank all his milk and did not pour even one drop into Judy's glass when she wasn't looking.

Can Stink get taller? Hmm...

See you, guys!

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 175

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So, last time in our new space adventure, our heroes landed on the planet Tatooine to repair their spaceship. While there, they met a young boy called Anakin Skywalker. I wonder if we'll meet any more familiar characters. Let's see...

A sandstorm blows in so Anakin brings his new friends to his house. They meet his mother, Shmi, and a droid that Anakin is building. "Hello, my name is C-3PO," the droid says. Qui-Gon senses that the force is strong in the boy. He think Anakin could become a Jedi.

Ooh, is this the birth of a new hero? Or is it the beginning of dark and terrible days ahead?

Let's find out!

See you, guys!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 175

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I've been trying to stick to relatively positive or, at least, neutral news stories recently, but with coronavirus cases on the rise all over the world, it's hard to avoid that side of the news. So, let's check in with how it's affecting one of the world's biggest corporations. Take a listen:

Walt Disney Company on November 12<sup>th</sup> reported a hefty loss in the just-ended quarter as the global pandemic hit its theme parks and cinema operations, but shares rose on gains in its new streaming television service. The media-entertainment powerhouse reported a loss of 710 million dollars in the period ending October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Revenue slumped 23% from last year to 14.7 billion dollars in the company's dismal fourth quarter. But Disney shares jumped in after-hours trade on news that its recently launched streaming television service Disney Plus had hit 73 million subscribers – a positive sign for the company as it shifts to compete with rivals like Netflix.

Ahh, do any of you have this Disney Plus streaming service? It took a while to get to Japan for some reason, but now that it's here, I'm tempted to sign up so that I can watch all my favourite Disney, Marvel, and Star Wars movies. If you already have it, let me know what it's like, okay?

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