

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 178

Hi! It's me, Yukana!

Let's listen to the next part of the same story: *Beauty and the Beast*.

The girls were smart and pretty. The boys were clever and strong. Their kind father sent them to the best schools and he gave them the best things. These lucky children were happy when they were young, but over the years, they changed. The three boys began to fight over the family business.

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 178

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, our Jedi hero Qui-Gon Jinn took Anakin to the planet Coruscant to begin his Jedi training. Let's see how it goes...

When they arrived on Coruscant, Queen Amidala asks the Republic Senate for help, while Qui-Gon brings Anakin before the Jedi Council. He wants the boy to become a Jedi. Yoda, a powerful Jedi master, worries that Anakin has fear in his heart. And fear can cause a Jedi to turn to the dark side of the Force. "Clouded this boy's future is," Yoda says.

Ah, so, the great Jedi master Yoda senses something in Anakin that Qui-Gon does not. Hmm, join me next time, okay?

See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 178

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I've come across some news here that's related to a rather sad story I heard a little while ago. But it looks like it has a happy ending! So, take a listen:

The elephant dubbed the "world's loneliest elephant" was greeted on his arrival in Cambodia on November 30th by chanting Buddhist monks before being sent to a wildlife sanctuary, where he will start a new life with 600 fellow elephants. Kaavan, a 36-year-old, 4,080-kilogram elephant was a 1985 gift from Sri Lanka to Pakistan. He had spent most of his life in an Islamabad zoo that was ordered to close in August. The male Asian elephant has captured worldwide attention, including from American singer Cher, who had campaigned for his relocation.

Yes, I'd heard that this poor elephant was being forced to live in a tiny concrete enclosure, which is really awful but, sadly, not that uncommon. There are many zoos around the world, including in Japan, where animals are being kept in terrible living conditions. I suppose the very least we can do is not give such zoos our business. Just something to keep in mind, I think.

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