

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 179**

Hi!

This is the final video of this story: *Beauty and the Beast*.

The two older girls became greedy and unhappy. They had so much, but it was never enough. They always asked Father for more. Each year, he worked harder than the year before, but the family did not get happier when he made more money. Father grew sad. He did not know what he should do.

See you!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 179**

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, our heroes went to the Republic capital, Coruscant to ask for help in dealing with the devious Trade Federation. Let's continue the story, now...

The Republic refuses to help Queen Amidala, so the heroes return to Naboo to save their people. They ask the Gungans to form an alliance. Padme reveals that she is really Queen Amidala in disguise. Padme begs Boss Nass to help and he agrees. They will all fight the Federation together.

Oh! So, Padme was really Queen Amidala this whole time! I thought there was something special about her! Alright, guys, join me next time, okay?

See you!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 179

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have some more animal-related news here that involves a slightly less tragic backstory, but still raises some important questions surrounding animal welfare and conservation. Take a listen to this:

Australian scientists pushed on November 23<sup>rd</sup> to list the platypus as a vulnerable species after a report showed the habitat of the semiaquatic native mammal had shrunk more than a fifth in the last 30 years. Severe drought brought by climate change, land-clearing for farming, and dam-building are to blame said researchers at the University of New South Wales, who made recommendations to government scientific panels. The animals, unique to Australia, cannot live outside water, and as the continent dries further and people draw more water from rivers, some permanent pools could get even smaller.

Ah, yes, the duck-billed-platypus – notoriously strange-looking but famously quite cute. If you haven't at any point up until now, I recommend googling pictures of baby duck-billed-platypuses, as I think it'll certainly brighten your day.

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