

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 183

Anda, do you have any plans for Christmas?

Well, I am going to spend Christmas Day with my friends.

Mm, that sounds nice.

What about you?

I don't have any plans for Christmas Day, so I guess I'll just be by myself.

Oh, but you can't be alone! Why don't you join us?

Really?

Of course!

That would be great, thanks so much! Can I bring anything?

Well, can you bring some snacks, some drinks, some games, and... a turkey?

Uh, sure! I'll do my best!

Thank you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 183

Hey, guys! How's it going? It's me, Tim—

And me, Anda!

And we are going to read another dialogue from an Eiken 2 listening test question, which, this time, is between two people who are looking for a parking space...

I hate going to the mall on Saturdays. There are never any parking spots. We should have stayed home and watched the football game.

Relax, honey. Keep driving around and we'll find a place to park. Look! A car is pulling out just ahead of us.

Finally! I thought we'd have to drive around looking all morning.

See? I told you we'd find a spot. You just need to be more patient.

I can definitely relate to this guy – I would much rather be at home watching football, instead of driving around some parking lot.

How do you know it's a man? I also like football and can drive.

That's a very good point! It's not always good to make assumptions, right guys? Okay, I'll see you next time!

Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 183

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR2

Today, I am going to be reading a short section out of the book, Factfulness. Let's see if you guys can understand. Here we go.

The blame instinct is the instinct to find a clear, simple reason for why something bad has happened. I had this instinct just recently when I was taking a shower in a hotel and turned the warm handle up to maximum. Nothing happened. Then, seconds later, I was being burned by scorching water. In those moments, I was furious with the plumber, and then the hotel manager, and then the person who might be running cold water next door. But no one was to blame. No one had intentionally caused harm or been neglectful, except perhaps me, when I didn't have the patience to turn the warm handle more gradually. It seems that it comes very naturally for us to decide that when things go wrong, it must be because of some bad individual with bad intentions. We like to believe that things happen because someone wanted them to, that individuals have power and agency: otherwise, the world feels unpredictable, confusing, and frightening. The blame instinct makes us exaggerate the importance of individuals or of particular groups.

Okay, I will stop it there. Hopefully you guys understood that!

I will see you guys in another video, okay? Take care! Bye!