

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 184

Hello, guys!

Now, last time, Stink was getting smaller. Let's see what happens today...

When Stink woke up the next morning, his bed felt as big as a country. The ceiling was up there with the sky and it was a long way down to the floor. When he went to brush his teeth, even the sink seemed too tall.

"Yipe! I really am shrinking," said Stink, checking himself out in the mirror.

Were his arms a little shorter? Was his head a little smaller?

Hmm, let's see next time. Bye-bye!

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 184

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, the Gungans went into battle against the droid army, while another battle raged on above them in space. But where's Anakin? Let's find out...

To stay safe, Anakin is hiding in an empty Naboo starfighter with R2-D2. All of a sudden, the starfighter takes off on autopilot, sending Anakin into the middle of a space battle. Anakin uses his amazing podracing skills to fly into the droid control ship and blow it up! KABOOM! Without the control ship powering them, the battle droids all over Naboo shut down.

Oh! So, that's great news for the Gungan army, but what about our Jedi knights? Can they defeat Darth Maul? Let's find out next time!

Okay, guys, see you!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 184

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I've got some more space-related news for you here, but perhaps not quite as intriguing or as promising as some of the other stories – and maybe even a little sad.

Take a listen to this:

The renowned Arecibo telescope in Puerto Rico will be dismantled after 57 years of service due to the rupture of cables that have led to the threat of collapse, the US National Science Foundation announced November 19<sup>th</sup>. Two cables supporting the 900-tonne instruments for the telescope, above a radio dish 305 meters in diameter, broke August 10<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The engineering company that examined the structure concluded that the remaining cables were possibly weaker than expected and recommended controlled demolition, which the foundation accepted. The telescope is one of the largest in the world and has been a tool for many astronomical discoveries.

Ah, yes. Now, this news story is actually a little old because last week a video circled the internet showing this telescope collapsing and being totally destroyed. A lot of people commented at the time on what a tragedy that was, but, as this article suggests, it was probably going to be torn down pretty soon anyway. So, maybe not as sad as some people originally thought, but still a bit of a shame.

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