

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 195

Hello, everyone!

Welcome to PR Junior! I will continue reading *What's This?*

It is a carpet. It's a green carpet.

No, it is not a green carpet, it's an orange carpet.

A carpet? No, way! It is a head of broccoli. It's fresh, green broccoli.

Broccoli? No, way! It is coral. It's sharp coral in the sea.

Coral? No, way!

Okay, I'll stop there. Okay, did you guys enjoy? I'll see you guys in the next video. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 195

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time in our latest space adventure, Obi-Wan and Anakin caught the bounty hunter who tried to attack Padme, but they couldn't find out any information from her before she was killed. Let's see how things are going...

The leader of the Republic, Chancellor Palpatine, asks Anakin to keep Padme safe. The young Jedi escorts the senator to her home planet of Naboo. As Anakin and Padme spend time together, they fall in love.

Well, that's nice, but isn't falling in love against the Jedi code? Hmm, could this spell trouble for the young Jedi? I guess we'll just have to wait and see!

Join me next time! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 195

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have another interesting and rather endearing news story coming out of the animal kingdom today, so take a little listen to this:

Kangaroos can learn to communicate with humans in a similar way that domesticated dogs do, by using their gaze to “point” and ask for help, researchers said in a study published on December 16th. The study involved eleven kangaroos that lived in captivity but had not been domesticated. Ten of the eleven marsupials intently gazed at researchers when they were unable to open a box with food, according to the report. Nine alternately looked at the human and at the container, as a way of pointing or gesturing toward the object. The findings challenge the notion that only domesticated animals, such as dogs, horses, or goats, communicate with humans.

Ah, yes, I've definitely seen cats and dogs glance at things as a way to draw your attention to them, and I know it's possible to train dogs to even use their paws to gesture, but one thing that's always interested me is that humans seem to be the only animals that understand what pointing is. Even with a very young person, you can say, “What's that?!” and they'll look, but you try doing that with a dog, or a kangaroo, I guess.

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