

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 197

Hello, everyone!

Let's continue reading Stink.

The bell rang, and the teacher passed out spelling words. Three of the new words were 'shrink', 'shrank', and 'shrunk'. At lunch, the dessert was strawberry shortcake. And in reading, the teacher read everybody a book called *The Shrinking of Treehorn*. The book was all about a boy who plays games and reads cereal boxes and gets shorter and shorter.

Hmm, sounds similar to Stink!

Let's see what happens next time! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 197

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

And Hana!

And we are going to read another dialogue taken from an Eiken 2 listening question. So, see how much of this conversation you can pick up:

No! The other team scored again! That's the second time this inning.

Yeah, ugh, the Grey Socks aren't playing very well. Their defense is so bad.

They've been bad all season. I can't believe the newspapers were picking them to win the Championship at the beginning of the season.

I know! Well, I hope they fire the manager soon. The team needs someone who can show these players how to win.

Hmm, "innings"... What sport is this?

Hmm, I don't know. Could it be cricket?

Hmm, yeah, it could be cricket. I'm really not sure. What about you guys? Do you know what sport they're watching?

Please tell us if you know the answer!

Alright, guys, well, see you next time!

Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 197

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I'm sure you're about as fascinated as me about stories of the animal kingdom, if not more so, and so I'm sure you'll get a kick out of this. Take a listen:

A scientific expedition high in the Bolivian Andes revealed 20 species new to science, including the "Lilliputian frog", as well as four species, including the "devil-eyed frog", that were previously thought to be extinct, Conservation International said. The expedition was led by the environmental group and the government of capital city La Paz. The Lilliputian frog measures only about 10 millimeters in length, making it one of the smallest amphibians in the world. Four new butterfly species were also discovered, including two species of "metalmark butterflies", which feed on flower nectar in open areas and forest clearings.

Ah! Well, that's some positive news, isn't it? There's so much news about the dwindling numbers of endangered species; it's nice to finally hear about some new discoveries or about certain species coming back. But what do you think? Have you heard of any other species making remarkable comebacks into the animal kingdom? Please let me know, okay?

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