

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 198

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today is part three of *What's This?*

It is cotton candy. It's white cotton candy.

It is a cave.

No it is not a cave, it's a road.

No it is not a road, it's a bridge.

No it's not a bridge, it's a green carpet.

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

No, it's not an orange carpet, it's a head of broccoli.

No, it is not broccoli, it's coral.

No, it's not coral, it's cotton candy.

Hmm, I wonder what it is! Okay, I'll see you guys in the next video. Bye!

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

And Hana!

And we are going to read another dialogue from an Eiken 2 listening question. So, see how much you can understand, okay?

Excuse me, sir, but you should be careful walking on this beach without shoes. Sometimes there's broken glass and other trash in the sand.

Thanks for warning me! I'll put my sandals back on.

This beach used to be so much nicer. Ugh, people don't clean up after themselves like they used to.

Yeah, people should take their garbage home with them.

Hmm, yes, it's not nice to leave your rubbish behind – especially at the beach or other scenic places, because then other people won't be able to enjoy them.

So, make sure, guys, to take your rubbish home with you or put it in a rubbish box. Bye!

See you next time!

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Hello, guys! How are you doing today?

Let's finish the passage we are reading from [the] Keio University entrance exam. Are you ready?

The ideal anti-robot campaign would employ a mixed technological and legal approach. Improved robot detection might help us find the robot masters or potentially help national security unleash counterattacks, which can be necessary when attacks come from overseas. There may be room for deputizing private parties to hunt down bad robots. A simple legal remedy would be a "Blade Runner" law that makes it illegal to deploy any program that hides its real identity to pose as a human. Automated processes should be required to state, "I am a robot." When dealing with a fake human, it would be nice to know.

Using robots to fake support, steal tickets, or crash democracy literally is the kind of evil that science fiction writers were warning us about. The use of robots takes advantage of the fact that political campaigns, elections, and even open markets make humanistic assumptions, trusting that there is wisdom or at least legitimacy in crowds and value in public debate. But when support and opinion can be manufactured, bad or unpopular arguments can win not by logic but by a novel, dangerous form of force – the ultimate threat to every democracy.

Hmm. That was a very deep and interesting [read]. I hope you guys learned from it and I will see you next time!

Take care!