Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 202

Hi, everybody! How are you? Welcome to PR Junior! Let's read the next part of this book: *What Can You Do?*

Hi, Snake! What can you do? I can swim in the water. I can jump from tree to tree, too. And I can shed my skin.

Wow, snakes can do many things! What can I do? Oh! I can be a duck! *quack quack*

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 202

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, our Jedi hero Obi-Wan clashed with the bounty hunter Jango Fett, who apparently really didn't want to be taken in for questioning. Let's see what happens next...

Obi-Wan leaps into his starfighter and follows Jango Fett to the red planet Geonosis. But the bounty hunter is waiting and launches a sneak attack. Obi-Wan escapes Slave One's deadly torpedoes with some fancy flying. KABOOM! Believing the Jedi has been destroyed, Jango lands on the planet's surface.

Oh! So, what do you suppose is special about this planet Geonosis? Will Obi-Wan find Jango Fett there? Or will he find more than he bargained for? Let's find out next time! See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 202

Hello, guys! I hope you are having a perfect day.

Now, today we will continue from the same passage in the Tokyo Medical and Dental University entrance exam book. Let's continue reading about apes and how they are endangered and important to us.

By the Red List reckoning, the planetwide total for all wild apes amounts to 350,000 individuals, down from the premodern figures estimated in the millions. Nor does it help, said Dr. Walsh of Cambridge University, that the public's concern for the environment is now focused almost exclusively on climate change: "I feel like shouting, 'Hey, guys, you could end climate change tomorrow and we'd still be facing the greatest extinction crisis we've ever seen."

There's a reason humans and the great apes are bunched together taxonomically in the family Hominidae. We split off from chimpanzees and gorillas only about six million to ten million years ago. The DNA of a chimpanzee is about 98 percent analogous to ours. Apes are avid tool users and tool makers. Chimpanzees fashion sticks to fish termites from a mound and to hunt monkeys hidden in tree holes. Orangutans can learn to row a boat and flip pancakes on a griddle.

So, there seems to be a lot more in common between us and the apes. Let's continue reading next time. See you, guys!