Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 207

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today is part three of *Who Stole the Cookies?* It wasn't the cat, it wasn't the chicken, it wasn't the duck, and it wasn't the elephant. Hmm, I wonder who stole the cookies.

Now I know who stole the cookies. Show me your foot!

I think it means that this is a person's foot!

Okay, so that is the end of the book. I hope you guys enjoyed it! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 207

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, our hero Obi-Wan Kenobi got captured on the planet Geonosis. And then Anakin and Padme got captured, too! Let's see what happens to them now...

Obi-Wan, Anakin, and Padme are shackled and brought to the center of a massive arena. They have to fight for their lives against three horrible monsters. Count Dooku and Jango Fett watch with amusement from above. The heroes battle the beasts bravely, but just when it seems the trio might be victorious, Count Dooku dispatches Destroyer Droids to finish them off.

Oh, no! How will they get out of this one? Things don't look good for our heroes... Join me next time, okay? See you, guys.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 207

Hello, everyone! I hope you're having a great day.

Now, let's finish reading about apes from the Tokyo Medical and Dental University entrance exam. Are you ready?

Their health is good, they reproduce readily in captivity and they live ten years or more longer than their wild peers. Indeed, the first gorilla born in captivity, a female named Colo, is still alive at the zoo in Columbus, Ohio, for which she was named. She will turn 60 in December, a birthday the great-great grandmother will not celebrate, zoo officials said, by wearing the adorable pinafore and straw bonnet her caretakers dressed her in as a youth. Dr. de Waal said that it was easier than ever to keep apes enriched and entertained.

"They like to work on computers," he said. "When you bring in a touch screen, they get excited about that, and it's a great way to teach the public about how smart they are." But what the public must accept, he said, is that the pleasant notion of zoos as nurseries for restocking wild populations of endangered animals has proved a fantasy in all but a handful of cases, most notably the successful reintroduction of zoo-bred golden lion tamarins into the Atlantic Forests of Brazil. By contrast, when the British aristocrat Damian Aspinall released 11 of his captive-bred lowland gorillas into the wilds of Gabon in 2014, five were soon violently dispatched, probably by a resident gorilla, while others disappeared. Yet critics say that zoo life has its serious downsides, too, as Harambe's story made plain. The captive ape is the designated "ambassador" for its kind, an object lesson in evolutionary fraternity and shared fate for those of us who remain on the other side of the glass, proclaiming the primacy of human needs, desires, and lives.

Okay, guys, that was a very interesting passage. I will see you next time with a new one. Take care!