

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 215

Hello, everyone! How are you doing today?

Let's see what happens next in *The Story of the Three Little Pigs*.

"Not by the hair of my chinny-chin-chin!" said the pig.

"Then I'll blow your house down!"

The wolf blew and blew. At last, he blew the house down and he ate the second pig. The third little pig met a man who was carrying a large pile of bricks.

"Please, sir, may I have those bricks so that I can build a house?"

The man agreed to give the bricks to the pig. And off the pig went to make his brick house.

That's all for today! I'll see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 215

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, we started the third part of our space adventure, and we were thrown right into the action. Our heroes Obi-Wan and Anakin were on their way to rescue Chancellor Palpatine. Let's see how they are doing...

With the help of their astromech droid R2-D2, Anakin and Obi-Wan evade the Separatist Vulture Droids and land on General Grievous' ship. Obi-Wan and Anakin find the Chancellor – and the Separatist leader Count Dooku! VWOOSH! Dooku attacks with his crimson lightsaber. Obi-Wan is knocked aside, but Anakin defeats Dooku on his own.

Oh! The last time they fought, Anakin was beaten badly. So, he must have gotten much stronger if he was able to defeat Dooku on his own! Let's see what happens next time!

Bye, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 215

Hello, everyone! How are you doing today?

Last time, we read about Alaskan wood frogs and how their bodies can withstand subzero temperatures. This time, I'll be reading the final part of this text. Let's begin.

Freezing a body that is accustomed to cold weather is one thing, but freezing and thawing organs that are not adapted to survive this process is another. Currently, human organs can only be chilled, because freezing and thawing would destroy their cells. However, if scientists determine how to apply the frog's method of survival to human organs, it could revolutionize organ transplantation. Presently, a human heart can only survive in refrigeration for four to five hours, so it is imperative that organs and recipients be close. Once a human body dies, decomposition begins immediately. As the body cools, blood starts to collect in certain areas and, within a few hours, the body begins to stiffen. These events jeopardize viable organs available for donation and, as a result, sending organs across national borders is still relatively uncommon. However, imagine if a human heart could be frozen, transported to another country, and then thawed for transplantation. Hospitals might be able to store available organs in anticipation of future operations.

Throughout human history, people have been driven by curiosity and a desire to solve problems. In fact, researchers have actually already begun experimenting with chemicals from animals similar to the Alaskan wood frog. Ordinarily, we use introspection as a means for problem solving, rather than exploring the natural world. It could be that our future as a species depends on simply learning to understand our surroundings. The frog hopping by or the insect buzzing around could provide solutions to some of our most challenging problems and be the key to living longer, healthier lives.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!