

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 226

Hi, guys!

Welcome to PR Junior! Let's see how Marley is doing.

Marley was still running. His paws hurt from digging. Suddenly, a wonderful smell stopped Marley in his tracks. It smelled better than a bone, and even better than baby Luke's stinky face.

"Well, hello there!" said the man inside the shop. "Welcome to my bakery."

Okay, let's stop here. It looks like Marley will get a snack!

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 226

Hello, everyone! How are you doing today?

I hope you're all staying at home.

Today, I'll be reading a text using Eiken level three vocabulary. Let's have a listen.

Before 1863 in America, there were some people who were not free. Selling slaves was a business. Slaves had to do everything, and they could not choose anything. They worked as farmers, drivers, cooks, and other things. This business was more common in the southern states and so many people tried to run away to the northern states. The Underground Railroad was a secret group of people and houses for running away. It was a dangerous trip. People had to travel quickly and quietly through forests in the dark. Having a guide was important. One famous guide was Harriet Tubman. She helped a lot of people who wanted to run away. She was a hero.

Well, that's all for today. I hope I'll see you in the next video. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 226

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, a lot of companies are still allowing their employees to work remotely, which, of course, is a good thing for the sake of everyone's safety. But there is still an issue for some people of where to do that remote work. I've seen various solutions for this pop up over the past year, and this looks like it could be another good one. Take a listen to this:

East Japan Railway Company started a trial run February 1st of a scheme to convert a car on certain shinkansen bullet trains into office space for passengers, as interest in remote work grows in Japan amid the coronavirus pandemic. Passengers would be able to move to the designated car from their seats freely and without extra charge on some Tohoku shinkansen trains between Tokyo and northern cities, according to JR East. They would be permitted to speak on phones and hold online meetings. JR East plans to study demand and what equipment is necessary during the trial, eyeing a communication environment comparable to that of a workplace.

Oh! Well, this sounds like it could be beneficial to a lot of people, but what about you? Do you sometimes do work outside of your house? I used to go to a café to do work sometimes, but these days I would say that unless it's absolutely necessary, it's better to stay home and do it.

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