

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 235

Hi, guys!

Let's jump right back in and finish the story.

Everyone helped the baker clean up. Marley wagged his tail so hard he knocked over a chair.

Then, he started eating all the broken cookies.

'Look!' cried Emma, 'Marley is helping us clean too!'

'Ruff, ruff, ruff!'

'I know what that means,' said Emma. 'And we love you too, Marley.'

The end.

That was it! See you next time with more adventures.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 235

Hi, everybody! How are you?

Welcome to PR1. Now, you are at the supermarket. Let's see what you can get cheaply.

This is a special announcement to all of you shoppers. Right now, some of your favorite daily foods are on sale. Come to the front section of the supermarket. There, you can get your water, rice, eggs, cheese, and vegetables cheaply. You can save 30% on some of these products. Products in other sections are not included in the sale. One more thing: hurry up because this sale lasts for only 30 minutes. Thanks for shopping at Inter Tomas market.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 235

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have a text about the relationship between crops and climate change. Let's have a listen.

As the world's population continues to grow, so does its need for food. Yet, the problem of ensuring an adequate food supply is being made even worse by the global warming being caused by greenhouse gases, which is resulting in destructive climate changes on a planetary scale. In particular, droughts are becoming more common, as increasing temperatures lead to the dehydration of formerly productive agricultural areas and the increasing evaporation of water from lakes and reservoirs. This is disrupting the production of cereals and other staple food crops. As a result, many experts are foretelling a greater frequency of food shortages in the future, and even now some areas are on the brink of famine.

In this context, a number of competing companies are trying to develop genetically modified crops that will be able to grow in more difficult environments. One of these is Monsanto, the biggest crop biotechnology company in the world, which recently announced that it had created the prototype of a new drought-resistant corn, able to grow in drier conditions than other kinds of corn. The company claims that the corn can provide a 10 percent increase in yields in areas of farmland that receive less rainfall. Recently, at a farm show, the new plant and the traditional one were exhibited alongside one another. Neither kind had received any rainfall for the whole summer, and while both had withered to some extent, the new one was a little greener and a little taller.

Well, that's all for today, and I'll see you next time. Bye-bye!