

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 236**

Hi, guys!

Welcome back to PR Junior. Today, we will start a new story with Marley. Have you ever heard of the saying, “the dog ate my homework”? It sounds like a lie, but in this story, it’s true! Let’s start:

Marley was waiting for Emma to come home. He’d been waiting all day to play fetch.

Okay, let’s stop there. See you next time!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 236**

Hello, everyone! How are you doing today?

I hope you’re all staying safe and sound during this pandemic. Today, I have another text about an athlete. Let’s see if you recognize this one:

Joe Bryant was a professional basketball player in the NBA. He played in the NBA from 1975 to 1983. His son is one of the world’s most famous basketball players, Kobe Bryant. Joe thought that Kobe was a good name while he was eating a Kobe beef steak, so he named his son Kobe. After he finished playing basketball in Europe in 1992, he became a coach. From 2007 to 2009, he was the coach of the Tokyo Apache, a team in the BJ League. He led them to the championship finals in 2008 and 2009.

So, did you recognize him? And did you know that Kobe Bryant was named after Kobe beef? Well, that’s all for today, and I hope I’ll see you next time. Bye-bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 236**

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Previously, I read a text about the impact of global warming on agriculture. I have a little bit more information on that so let's have a listen.

Many farmers in the United States welcome these efforts. For them, irrigation is a major cost. This is because thousands of gallons of expensive water are needed to grow crops or keep pastures green. Other biotechnology companies are also working on creating genetically modified (GM) crops that will grow on land formerly considered barren. Critics of GM, however, are uneasy at the way these companies are jumping at the opportunity presented by the world's precarious food supply. They suspect a conspiracy in which, in the name of helping to feed the hungry, the companies plan to dominate third-world agriculture. Because GM crops are patented, every time farmers use the seeds, they must pay a fee to the company which has developed them. These critics accuse the companies of magnifying the ability of their products to grow in dry conditions in order to have them accepted.

There are, however, alternatives to developing new plants in the laboratory. Some drought-resistant crops have already been developed using traditional breeding techniques. The Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, whose mission is to provide more efficient crops for that continent, has said that it will avoid GM in its work. Still, the gravity of the world's food situation continues to grow. With so much at stake, it remains to be seen whether people will really continue to be able to resist the temptations of GM technology.

Well, that's all for today, and thank you for listening. Bye-bye!