

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 239

Hi, guys!

Let's continue the story.

Just then, Daddy came in carrying the groceries. He tossed a grapefruit to Emma.

"Catch!" Daddy said.

"Woof!" Marley jumped at the fruit, thinking he was finally going to get to play fetch.

"Not now, Marley!" Mommy said.

Just then, Emma thought, "Oh, I know! I will use fruits for my project."

That was it for today! See you next time.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 239

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time in our sci-fi story, the unthinkable happened. Our hero Anakin fell into the evil hands of Darth Sidious, and the heroic clone army started attacking all the Jedi! Let's see how things are going...

On Kashyyyk, clone troopers turn on Yoda. He fights back and flees in an escape pod. Obi-Wan barely gets away from his clone attackers on Utapau. He reunites with Yoda. Darth Sidious goes before the Senate. He declares that the Republic will now be the first Galactic Empire. He will be its one and only leader for life – Emperor Palpatine.

So, the Galactic Empire is officially established. What does that mean for our heroes? Is Anakin truly lost? Let's find out next time. Bye, guys.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 239

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have the second part of the text about animal languages. Let's find out if animals can actually communicate:

Indeed, some scientists have devoted years to compiling evidence that animals can learn human languages. Experiments in which animals are taught human languages have attracted the most publicity. Probably the most famous example is Koko, an adorable female gorilla, who worked with scientist Penny Patterson for 28 years. Koko's vocal apparatus was too clumsy for the accurate imitation of human sounds, and so she used American Sign Language instead. According to Patterson, Koko learned over 2,000 English words, which she could use to communicate her wishes and feelings. Another famous example is Alex, a parrot, who learned to speak 150 words and, according to animal psychologist, Irene Pepperberg, also used them to communicate thoughts and feelings. These seem to demonstrate that there are no absolute barriers to the acquisition of human language by animals.

Wow, that's so interesting! I wonder if I could teach my cat how to speak English.

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