

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 241

Hi, guys!

Welcome back to PR Junior. Let's continue the story.

After building her project, Emma was very happy.

"I can't wait till tomorrow," she said. "This is the best solar system model ever!"

"And the tastiest," said Daddy, because she used fruits as planets.

"Great! Now we can play fetch," Marley thought.

"Sorry, Marley," Emma said. "Now I need to write my report. We can play later."

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

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 241

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have a dialogue between two friends who are deciding where to eat for lunch tomorrow. Keep an ear out for where they are going, what type of restaurant they are going [to], and when and where they are meeting. Let's begin:

Would you like to go out to lunch tomorrow?

Sure! I'd love to.

Great! What kind of food do you want to eat?

I like Italian food. Do you know a good restaurant?

I know the perfect place. They have a great chef and delicious pasta dishes.

That sounds good! When should we meet?

Let's meet at 12 at the station's south gate.

Okay. See you then!

Bye!

Okay, well that's all for today and we'll see you next time! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 241

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have another news story here that was recently sweeping around the internet and, again, causing some unwarranted controversy, so take a listen to this:

The Mr. Potato Head brand is going gender neutral, the company that makes the popular plastic toy announced February 25th. Hasbro said in a statement it was dropping the honorific from the logo and packaging "to promote gender equality and inclusion." From later this year, the toy launched almost 70 years ago will officially be known as "Potato Head". A non-gender-specific family of the toys, in which children add fascial characteristics and clothes to plastic spud bodies, will hit shelves in the fall. Hasbro clarified in a later statement that individual Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head characters would continue to exist in some form.

Hmm. Well, this is an interesting move, I think. Gender identity has long been an important issue and it's been gaining more awareness recently, and so dropping the titles, "Mr." and "Mrs." from the name of a popular toy is pretty understandable and hardly worthy of outcry. But what do you think? Do you think this decision was a necessary one, or a ridiculous one? Or neither?

Let me know if you have any thoughts, okay? And until then, study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.