

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 242

Hello, guys!

Let's continue with our PR Junior story.

A loud noise in the night woke Marley. He went into the dining room. He saw the solar system model. He watched it gently turning. Marley poked the big, yellow ball with his nose. The ball rolled gently. Marley nosed a red ball. It spun slowly. Then Marley sniffed an orange ball.

That's it for today! See you next time.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 242

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Last time, two friends decided to eat at an Italian restaurant. This time, I have a piece of dialogue between a waiter and a customer. After taking the customer's order, the waiter recommends soup, salad and dessert. Keep an ear out for what the customer decides to have. Let's begin:

Hi! Are you ready to order?

Yes. I'd like spaghetti, French fries and coffee, please.

Would you like to add soup or salad for \$1 more? We have vegetable or pumpkin soup.

Hmm, no thank you.

How about dessert?

Could I have a piece of apple pie with cream?

Certainly! Is that all?

Yes.

Okay, I'll be back with your coffee in a minute.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 242

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, for today's PR2 dictation video, I wanted to do something a little different and talk to you with little-to-no preparation, planning, or retakes, and so it might not sound as smooth as some of the other videos, but it'll hopefully be a good example of what natural speech sounds like. So, with that in mind...

Are any of you suffering from hay fever at the moment? For those of you who don't know, hay fever basically refers to the allergic reaction you get from different kinds of pollen and sometimes grass, too. The symptoms usually include a runny nose – or a stuffed nose, which is where you can't really breathe. You can also get an itchy throat – or just, like, a sore throat in general – and, of course, itchy eyes, which is my biggest problem at the moment. I usually don't suffer from hay fever symptoms that badly, but this year... oh, my eyes are incredibly itchy, which you can probably tell from how red they look.

What about you? Are- are you suffering from similar symptoms? Do you have any advice or recommendations for how I might relieve these symptoms? Of course, you can take medication to reduce the symptoms of allergies, which are called antihistamines, and for hay fever you can also take eye-drops to make your eyes a little less dry and, therefore, a little less itchy. But are there any home remedies that you might recommend? Things like putting cold, wet teabags over your eyes to reduce the swelling – that's something I've heard from a few people. I never really used to get hay fever symptoms back in the UK, but here in Japan, maybe because of a different type of pollen or just because of a higher concentration of it in the air at this time of year, I'm definitely noticing a bit of a difference.

So, if there's anything that you can recommend, please let me know. And in the meantime, study hard, stay safe (and protect yourselves from hay fever), and I'll see you soon!