

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 243**

Hi, guys!

Let's see what Marley does to Emma's project...

Before Marley knew what he was doing, one red ball was gone. He swallowed it!

"Oh, no! If I take a bite out of this one," Marley thought, "the balls will line up again."

So, he bit one of the orange balls. It was so sweet. Soon, Marley forgot he was trying to fix Emma's project. Instead, he ate it all up.

Oh, no, guys! Let's stop there. See you!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 243**

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have a dialogue between two friends, one of whom hadn't come to school for two days because she was sick. Let's have a listen to how she spent those two days at home. Let's begin:

You were absent from class yesterday and the day before yesterday. What happened?

I had a cold, so I stayed home.

Oh, no! Did you have a fever?

Yeah, so my mum took me to the doctor. Then she took care of me at home.

I see.

It wasn't boring, though. I read a lot of magazines. I played a lot of games, too. When I got sleepy, I took a rest.

Well, I'm glad that you feel better now.

Thanks!

Well, guys, remember to stay home if you feel sick. That's all for today, and we'll see you next time. Bye-bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 243**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have another news story here that features animals in science, so take a little listen to this:

U.S. scientists have successfully cloned an endangered black-footed ferret using frozen cells from a long-dead wild animal, the first time any native endangered species has been cloned in the United States. Black-footed ferret recovery efforts aimed at increasing genetic diversity and disease resistance took a bold step forward on December 10<sup>th</sup>, with the birth of Elizabeth Ann, created from the cells of Willa, a black-footed ferret that lived more than 30 years ago, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said. The team is working to produce more black-footed ferret clones in the coming months as part of continuing research efforts.

Oh! Scientists have been able to successfully clone animals for many years now, with the most famous example perhaps being Dolly the sheep. But, unlike sheep, which are still quite common, this could be very beneficial to certain species, as it might help them from going extinct. So, certainly something to keep an eye on, then!

Alright, guys, well until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.