

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 245

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have a story about Jen and her dog. Let's have a listen:

One day, Jen and her friend, Max the dog, went for a walk. They walked in a forest and got lost. Then, they found a house and went inside.

"Hello," said Jen.

"Woof!" said [Max]. But no one was there. There was a box on the table. There was a net under the table. Then, they heard someone coming. Who could it be?

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

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 245

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, after the evil Darth Sidious took over the Republic and the Jedi were turned on by the clone army, Obi-Wan Kenobi went to confront Anakin – or "Darth Vader". Can he save him from fully turning to the dark side? Let's see...

Obi-Wan and Darth Vader begin a dangerous duel above rivers of flowing lava. Sparks fly as their lightsabers cross again and again. Finally, Obi-Wan strikes Anakin and sends him tumbling into the lava below.

"I hate you!" Anakin cries.

Saddened that he had to destroy his friend, Obi-Wan leaves the planet with Padme.

So, in the end, Anakin truly lost his way and couldn't be saved. What a tragedy...

See you next time, guys.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 245

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

I hope you're all staying safe and sound during this pandemic.

Today, I have a text about bees. Let's have a listen:

Bees are among the most fascinating creatures in nature, and, since ancient times, human thinkers have often praised their admirable qualities. Their dedication to the community and their energetic and cooperative behavior in gathering nectar and conveying it back to the hive have long been held up as models for human behavior. Modern science, moreover, has discovered many other talents in bees apart from their famous diligence. They are able to remember accurately the locations of flowers and to communicate this information to each other by dancing. Moreover, they are vital to human welfare because of the essential role they play in the pollination of plants. Now, however, a team of scientists in London has discovered that bees have yet another talent which may one day prove useful to human beings.

We are all familiar with the buzzing of bees in summer as they roam, apparently impulsively, from flower to flower in their ceaseless quest for nectar. Surprisingly, though, it turns out that bees are actually highly expert in calculating the most efficient way to navigate between the numerous flowers they visit.

Well, doesn't that sound interesting? We'll have to find out more next time. Bye-bye!