

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 246

Hi, guys!

Last time, Marley ate Emma's homework. Let's see what happens now:

In the morning, Emma went downstairs to pack up her model.

"My solar system is ruined!" she cried. "What am I going to do?"

Marley ran and got his fetch-balls. "Not now, Marley," Daddy said. "We have to fix Emma's homework that you ate!"

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

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 246

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, after a physically and emotionally intense battle, Obi-Wan Kenobi was forced to take down his old apprentice and friend, Anakin Skywalker. Let's see what the evil Emperor is up to...

Across the galaxy, Yoda confronts the Emperor. The Jedi master and the Sith lord begin an epic battle between the light and dark sides of the Force. But the Emperor's evil attack is too great even for mighty Yoda! Defeated, the tiny Jedi escapes and goes into hiding on the swamp planet, Dagobah.

Ah, so even Yoda couldn't do anything against the evil Darth Sidious. Let's see how the story ends next time!

Bye, guys.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 246

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

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

So, up until now in the text about animal languages, we learned that though some animals can appear to be capable of learning human languages, such as American Sign Language and English, that actually may not be the case. According to animal scientist Herbert Terrace, those animals are more likely to have learned that saying certain words or doing certain signs leads to a reward. This means that they are not actually expressing their wishes and feelings. Today, I have the final part of this text. Let's have a listen:

But how about looking at things the other way around? Instead of trying to teach human language to animals, why not try to learn to understand animal languages? In fact, many scientists have also been studying this question for years. According to one group, sea lions emit different sounds in order to communicate ideas to their fellows. Another famous series of studies argues that prairie dogs employ a sophisticated series of sounds, not only to warn of approaching humans, but also to describe what they are like. Here, too, there is disagreement, because such claims are so difficult to prove. If true, though, then perhaps one day we may indeed be able to chat pleasantly with our pet dogs just by learning to bark.

Well, I want to be able to learn how to meow one day to chat with my pet cat! What about you? What animal language would you like to learn?

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