

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 252

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have the next part of the story about Jen and her dog, Max. Let's see what happens next:

The giant was very happy. He took Jen and Max to his bedroom. There was an old, wooden door with a golden doorknob.

"Tell the door where you wish to go. Then, open the door and you will be there," said the giant.

"Wow! It's magic!" said Jen.

"Yes, this is a magic door," said the giant.

That sounds pretty cool, doesn't it? Let's see if they will be able to get back home next time. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 252

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have a girl who is talking about her father's hometown. Keep an ear out for what type of place it is.

Have you ever been to Wakayama?

No, I've never been there. How about you?

Twice. I went to my dad's hometown. My grandfather lives there.

Really? How was it?

It was enjoyable. My grandfather's house is far from the city, so it's pretty quiet. There is a lot of nature, so I often went for a walk.

That sounds nice.

And at night, you can see a lot of stars in the sky. They're beautiful.

I love stargazing! I'd like to go to your grandfather's house!

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 252

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

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

Today, I have the second part of the text about the roles of petroleum in our lives. Let's begin:

What is often ignored or forgotten by environmentalists, however, is the fact that petroleum contributes to nearly every aspect of modern life. In a post on his political-commentary website criticizing those calling for a halt to oil drilling, conservative blogger Harrison Price writes that the notion of turning America away from petroleum is "just plain absurd". Oil is responsible for the lives we have today, both in terms of convenience we take for granted as well as the quality of life it provides.' He lists hundreds of examples of petroleum-derived products and asks which we could do without. The list includes plastics, textiles, beauty products, building materials, road materials, office products, medicines, home furnishings, and even food, emphasizing that Americans' reliance on oil goes beyond the obvious use of gasoline.

Well, that's all for today, and come back next time for the rest of this text. See you later!