

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 264

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Last time, Jen sees a young couple. Let's find out who they are.

'Hi,' said Jen.

'Hello,' said the man and the woman.

'What a cute little baby,' thought Jen. 'What is her name?' she asked.

'Sara,' said the woman.

'Sara? That's my mother's name!' thought Jen.

'She is your mom,' whispered the giant in Jen's ear.

The man's name was John and the woman's name was Mary.

I'll see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 264

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So, a little while ago, we reached the climax of our exciting but tragic space adventure. Anakin Skywalker has fully turned into Darth Vader and the Jedi are all but destroyed. Let's finish our story now...

Obi-Wan brings baby Luke to the desert planet of Tatooine. Anakin's step-brother, Owen Lars, will raise the child. But Obi-Wan will always watch over him. The Jedi knows that when Luke is ready, he will bring a new hope to the galaxy.

And that is the end of the prequel saga to our epic sci-fi story. If you want to know what happens to Darth Vader, Obi-Wan, and baby Luke, you can watch some of our older dictation videos. Hopefully we can share some new stories soon!

Okay, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 264

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

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

Today, I have a text about expiry dates. Let's begin:

In recent years, the price of many foods has increased dramatically, and people in some parts of the world are not only hungry but even verging on starvation. Yet, in many affluent countries, people dump a large part of the food they buy. One reason for this is use-by dates – deadlines by which food must be eaten – which companies print on virtually all food packaging. In doing this, the companies are merely complying with government regulations. As the end of the shelf life of items approaches, stores often mark down such food, but those which remain unsold also have to be thrown away. Yet, many experts say that much of this food, while technically out of date, is in truth both tasty and nutritious. Why, then, is it classified as unsafe?

This is because of the way in which use-by dates are decided. These are based on standard studies and represent the earliest possible time that a food may go bad. However, when it actually spoils depends upon how it is handled before it reaches the customer. Many people, although they may waver before throwing away food that looks perfectly alright, feel(s) discouraged from eating it by media reports of food poisoning. Experts, though, say people should use their discretion. If the food smells or tastes bad, it should be avoided. Otherwise, it is fine to eat it. The validity of use-by dates is relative, and if we follow them blindly, we will throw away food that is perfectly edible.

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