

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 279

Hi, guys! Long time no see!

Let's remember what happened in the story so far. The family was taking a tour of the firehouse, and Marley was left alone outside. He got bored and decided to explore the firehouse by himself. Then, the chief went back to different rooms of the firehouse, but all of them were a mess. "Which one of my firefighters did this?" he said. He sounded angry.

We'll see what happens next. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 279

Hi, guys!

Last time, Thomas got interested in drums. Let's see what happens next...

The next day, Thomas asked his parents, "Can I learn to play the drums?"

His father said, "The drums are a difficult instrument to play. Are you sure?"

"Yes," Thomas answered. "I really want to learn the drums! Don't worry, Dad, I'll study the drums and the piano."

The next week, Thomas's mother said. "I found a drum teacher. You can have a lesson every Monday."

After one year, Thomas and his friends had a concert at his school festival and he played the drums well.

See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 279

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text about everything that is wrong with clinical psychology today. Let's take a listen.

A recent study led by University of Wisconsin Professor of Medicine Timothy Baker shows that many clinical psychologists do not consider scientific research relevant to their work. According to the report, "the majority of clinical psychologists give more weight to their personal experiences than to science". Baker compares the current state of clinical psychology to the practice of medicine before the 1900s. Until that time, most doctors viewed medicine as an art, not a science, and relied on intuition rather than proven scientific methods.

Clinical psychologists today practice an array of questionable therapies – ranging from dolphin-assisted therapy to meditation therapy – with little concrete evidence [of] their merits. Furthermore, Baker points to the lack of sound scientific education for clinical psychologists; many postgraduate psychology programs neither offer scientific training nor attempt to teach students the value of scientific inquiry. This means many clinical psychologists are not trained to administer treatments – such as cognitive behavior therapy, which eases depression as well as many other mental disorders – that have been scientifically validated through clinical trials.

Well, that's all for today, but come back for the second part of this text. See you later!