

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 284

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Let's finish our story.

"Chief, we are very sorry," said Mommy.

"It's alright, we are used to emergencies." said the chief.

"With a dog like Marley, we're used to emergencies, too," said Daddy.

Then, they all cleaned up the firehouse. And as a surprise for Marley, they made him the mascot of the firehouse.

[A] happy end[ing]. See you next time with more stories! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 284

Hey, guys! How's it going?

Do any of you like the rain? Like, do you actually enjoy rainy weather?

The rainy season in Japan is supposed to be around June and July, but according the weather forecast that I just looked up on my phone, it looks like it'll be starting from next week!

Now, I have complained about the rain in several previous dictation videos, so I think you already know how I feel about rainy weather, but I was really hoping that this year's rainy season wouldn't be as long as last year's seemed to be. I really wanted to do more outdoor activities in the sunshine this summer. So, hopefully, it won't be raining from now until August – but I guess we'll just have to wait and see...

Bye, guys.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 284

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text about pirates. Take a listen:

The British pirates of the 17th century, who made their livelihoods by attacking ships at sea and carrying away their cargoes, have always fascinated later generations. One of the most notorious of these pirates was Captain William Kidd. However, recently, historians have uncovered evidence that Kidd was probably not a pirate at all but a “privateer”. This referred to someone who was authorized by the King to attack and rob ships belonging to Spain and France, both enemies of Britain at the time.

Kidd’s problems began when he attacked a ship that was sailing under French protection. However, the ship was in fact not French but Armenian. Moreover, the owners had employed an Englishman as captain. This man immediately sent messages home, and Kidd was officially declared a pirate. He sailed to Boston but was betrayed there by a local friend and taken into custody. He was sent to England, where he was prosecuted and convicted. The witnesses at the trial were bribed to discredit his claims and he was executed. The full truth may never be known, but the exaggerations of these corrupt witnesses led to his later reputation as one of the fiercest pirates ever to have menaced the seven seas.

Well, that’s all for today, and I’ll see you in class. Bye-bye!