Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 289

Hi, guys! Let's continue the story:

Emma and Daddy went to the baseball field. They found a place to sit, and then Daddy told Emma the rules.

"The pitcher throws the ball. The batter swings the bat. If he misses the ball, it is called a strike. Three strikes means he's out," Daddy said.

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

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 289

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Welcome back to PR1. Today, I have a text about an international communication club. Take a listen:

Toastmasters is an international communication club. There are 13,500 clubs in 116 countries. The club-members' goals are to get better at public speaking and leading. Members practice together and teach each other new words. Many foreign people join Toastmasters to practice a second language. At each meeting of a Toastmasters club, a few members makes short speeches. The other members listen, ask questions and giver their opinions. This way, members can get better at many different things together.

Hmm... that sounds like a pretty interesting club, doesn't it? But I wonder why they are called 'Toastmasters'.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 289

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I'm sure you've heard of the various rovers that were sent to Mars, er specifically, the Perseverance rover. Well, it looks like that little robot has now done something quite remarkable. So, take a listen to this:

NASA's Perseverance rover keeps making history. The six-wheeled robot has converted some carbon dioxide from the Martian atmosphere into oxygen, the first time this has happened on another planet, the space agency said April 21st. The technology demonstration took place on April 20th, and it's hoped future versions of the experimental instrument that was used could pave the way for future human exploration. Not only can the process produce oxygen for future astronauts to breathe, but it could make it unnecessary to haul vast amounts of oxygen from Earth to Mars to use as rocket propellant for a return journey.

Oh, wow! There you go! That's definitely a development that could help us in not only our space exploration but our inhabitation of various other planets as we outlive the Earth. Hmm, interesting stuff!

Alright, guys, well until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.