

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 29

Hello? Who's this?

Oh, hi! How are you?

Yeah, I'm pretty good, thanks!

I'm just having a break at work. What are you doing now?

Oh, I see. That sounds nice.

Sorry?

No, no. This is Tim.

Yeah, I think you have the wrong number.

But if you're free later, maybe we can-- hello? Oh.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 29

Hmm, that's pretty cool!

Hello?

Oh, hi! How's it going?

Yeah, not so bad, thank you.

No, no, that's ok! I'm just reading the newspaper on my lunch break at work. Yeah, I found a fairly interesting article actually. It's about--

Oh. Oh, I see. Oh, that sounds really interesting! So, what else have you been up to today?

Ah. Oh, OK. Yeah, I haven't been doing so much; I've just been thinking about--

Oh, you have to go? Oh, OK. Yeah, no problem!

Ah, what are you doing later?

Ah, I see. Never mind.

OK.

Alright then.

Talk to you soon!

See you!

Bye.

Huh... wrong number.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 29

Hey, guys!

Have you heard of Charles Dickens and Hans Christian Anderson? They were both very famous 19th Century authors who each wrote many classic stories. But did you know that they knew each other?

It says here that Hans Christian Anderson met Charles Dickens at an evening party in London in 1847. The authors had plenty in common: Both were master storytellers and both had published books that would be read by countless children. The meeting was auspicious. Anderson told Dickens he was “the greatest writer of our time,” and later wrote to friends that Dickens lived up to “the best ideas I had formed of him.”

However, it also says that when Dickens invited Anderson to stay at his home, things did not go so well. Anderson ended up staying for five weeks and was prone to embarrassing mood swings. One day, after learning about a negative review of one of his stories, he threw himself down on Dickens’ lawn, weeping.

Hah, that sounds quite dramatic. But then, I suppose, most great writers are. Do you know any of the stories that Hans Christian Anderson is famous for? At least two of them have been adapted into very popular Disney movies.

Alright, guys, thanks for watching. Stay safe, and I’ll see you very soon! Bye-bye.