

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 290

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have two people talking about their favourite movies. Take a listen:

What kind of movies do you like?

I like fantasy movies. I've seen all the Harry Potter movies.

Really? What's your favourite movie of all time?

Maybe the *Lord of the Rings*. I've seen it seven times.

I see. I prefer Japanese movies to foreign movies – especially Japanese anime. Last week, I saw the *Kimetsu no Yaiba* movie.

Wow.

It was really good. You should watch it, too.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 290

Hey, guys! How's it going?

During conversation practice, many students ask me, "What's your favourite drink?" It's quite hard to say, but I guess, based on how often I drink it, when I probably shouldn't, I would say my favourite drink is Coca-Cola. I definitely drink a lot of Coke and that's not good because it contains a lot of sugar, which is not good for your teeth or... the rest of you. But I really enjoy the taste of a nice, cold, fizzy coke – especially when eating something salty like pizza or a hamburger. It's a great combination. Actually, I like Cherry Coke even more, but it's hard to find in Japan.

So, what's your favourite drink? Let me know, okay?

Alright, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 290

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have the second part of the text about modern Druids. Take a listen:

The most important 18th century Druid was Edward Williams. A political activist, who advocated the ideals of the French Revolution, Williams also passed himself off as the last member of a secret society of Welsh Druids. He cooked up various mystical beliefs and rites, and a surprising number of people fell for his claims. Through the 19th century, the Druid movement grew, even spreading to the United States. During the first half of the 20th century, however, the movement began to dry up. With fewer and fewer recruits, it looked as though it might fade away completely. Then, in the 1960s, with the hippie movement, it experienced a big revival.

Contemporary Druid beliefs are a fusion of ancient Celtic myths and the beliefs of more exotic societies. The Druids believe strongly that trees and animals have as much right to exist as people. This makes the Druids passionate believers in nature conservation, intervening to protect the countryside from [the] ravages of developers. It is perhaps for this reason that they were officially recognized by the government as a charitable organization in 2010. This means, in effect, that they have now been accepted by the government as a legitimate British religion.

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

* traditionally pronounced with a hard C, as in "Keltic"