

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 292

Hello, everyone! And welcome back.

Let's continue with the story.

The game began. The pitcher threw the ball. It went way over the batter's head. Marley tugged at his leash.

"Sit, Marley!" said Daddy.

The pitcher seemed nervous. The next pitch went low. It landed at the batter's feet. Marley jumped up and down.

"Sit, Marley!" Daddy warned.

Okay, that's all for today. See you next time with the rest of the story. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 292

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Welcome back to PR1. Today, I have a text about a stadium in Michigan. Take a listen:

The University of Michigan is a large public university in Michigan. The university's American football stadium is the largest sports stadium in the United States. Its name is simple: it is in Michigan, and it belongs to the University of Michigan, so it is called Michigan Stadium. Every autumn, many people watch football games and have fun here. People who graduated from the University of Michigan love to go to these games. It gets very crowded because the stadium has over 109,000 seats that are close together. It gets very noisy, too, because lots of football fans like to cheer and shout.

Well, this stadium doesn't sound very coronavirus-friendly, does it?

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 292

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text about the Spanish flu. Take a listen.

During the 20th Century, many traumatic events, both natural and man-made, occurred around the world. Yet one of the very worst of these disasters, one which affected about a third of the world's population and led to up to 50 million fatalities, has often been forgotten or overlooked. This was the great flu epidemic that began in 1918 and spread rapidly around the world before finally dying down in the autumn of 1919. No one knows where the disease began, but because Spain was one of the first countries to be devastated by it, it became known as the "Spanish flu".

The flu, or influenza, is a highly contagious virus which spreads through the air when people cough or sneeze. The Spanish flu was lethal in its effects. One reason is that at the time, no vaccines or medication for the disease existed. Another is that this [form of the flu] mainly affected healthy young people. Usually, when robust young people come down with the flu, they throw it off fairly easily. But in 1918 and [1919], countless young people expired from the disease. Moreover, the mortality rate among those who caught the disease was unusually high. The doctors who tried to tackle the disease had no effective remedy for it and so had no way to help those who were suffering from it.

Well, that's all for today. And come back next time for part two. Bye-bye!