

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 314

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Let's continue the story.

Marley ran to the batter's box and grabbed the bat in his teeth. Marley tugged. The batter tugged back. But then Marley tugged harder and the batter fell down.

"Strike two, Marley!" said Daddy.

Oh, it sounds like Daddy is getting angrier and angrier!

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 314

Today, I have the second part of the story called *Laboratory*. Let's find out what happens next:

The next night, her friend Liz came to her house. When Liz arrived, Mia told her about the night before.

"Oh, it was terrible!" she said.

"Why don't we see what is in there?" Liz asked. "It will be a fun adventure."

Mia felt nervous about going into her father's laboratory, but she agreed. As always, the door was locked. They waited until Mia's father left the laboratory to eat dinner.

"He didn't lock the door," Liz said. "Let's go."

The laboratory was dark. The girls walked down the stairs carefully. Mia smelled strange chemicals. What terrible thing was her father creating?

Hmm. Well, that's all for today and come back next time for the next part of this story. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 314

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text about socializing and memory. Take a listen.

As human beings age physically, their mental faculties also begin to deteriorate. In particular, many people begin to suffer from memory loss as they get into their fifties and sixties. Although it is not yet possible to enhance an impaired memory, recent research has shown that lifestyles can certainly either accelerate or lessen the speed with which the memory declines. A team of scientists at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies undertook research into the relationship between the level of a person's involvement in society and the speed at which the memory function decayed. The results of their research contain important lessons about how to minimize the severity of memory loss as one gets older.

In order to examine this issue. The researchers decided to analyze the feedback from the "Health and Retirement Study", a survey of a representative group of American adults aged over 50 that was carried out between 1998 and 2004. Every two years, those who participated in the survey were visited by an interviewer. The interviewer would evaluate memory loss by reading out a random list of ten common words and then asking the interview to repeat as many of the words as possible. They were then asked how many they could remember five minutes later. The level of the participants' interaction with society was also measured, by asking about family, friends, and social activities.

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