

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 320

Hi, guys! How are you?

Welcome back to PR Junior! Let's see what happens next in our story.

Daddy grabbed Marley's leash. By now, everyone was laughing – even the umpire.

"Sorry," Daddy said to the umpire. "I guess Marley is not cut out for the major leagues."

Then everyone laughed.

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

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 320

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Welcome back to PR1. Today, I have a text about the 4th of July. Take a listen:

The 4th of July is Independence Day in the United States. Celebrating it is part of American culture. Having a barbecue or party with friends and watching fireworks are popular activities. There is a famous event at the Hatch Shell in downtown Boston every year. It is the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular, which started in 1973. The Boston Pops orchestra have a large outdoor concert that begins early in the evening. More than 500,000 people go to see this event. If someone cannot go, then that person can watch it on live television. Many famous guests go on the show, too. After the concert, there is a huge fireworks show.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 320

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a conversation between two people about reality TV shows. Take a listen:

Hi, Joe. Do you want to go to a movie on Saturday?

I can't. Actually, I'm going to be a contestant on a new TV quiz show and I have to go to a rehearsal.

How much are they paying you to participate?

Nothing. But we get a free dinner afterwards.

Nothing?! TV companies seem to be getting really mean. It's like all those cheaply made reality TV shows featuring amateurs.

But they're really popular. My little sister is addicted to them.

I think the companies are just exploiting the people in them. I heard they only cost a fifth of those dramas with an array of famous stars being paid extravagant fees.

Maybe. But if the show catches on, then the people in them can rack up huge earnings.

That is because advertisers are prepared to pay way more.

Yeah, but once the novelty wears off, viewing figures drop. They can't bank on remaining popular for long.

Still, some of them are just like documentaries, only more entertaining. Mind you, I wouldn't want to be in one. Just appearing in a quiz show will be stressful enough.

Don't worry. I'm sure you'll sail through it.

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