

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 328

Hi, guys!

Let's read the ending of the PR Junior story.

When the game ended, the pitcher gave Emma the ball.

"Thanks to your dog, I relaxed and pitched my best game ever," he said.

Daddy and Emma hugged Marley.

"We're glad you're on our team, Marley!" said Emma.

Well, that's a happy ending, right? Did you like the story? I hope so!

See you next time with more adventures. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 328

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I have the second part of the story called The Dog's Bell. Let's begin:

John's friends came to talk to him about the issue. During their important meeting, his friend said, "The people in the village asked me to represent them. We want your dog to stop this habit. Why don't you put a bell around the dog's neck? This way, we would hear your dog coming down the street."

John thought this was a great idea. Now people could stay away from the dog. It would not be able to bite anyone anymore. The dog liked the bell, too. People looked at him when they heard his bell. This made the dog very content. He liked the song the bell played when he walked.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 328

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a news story here coming out of the UK, which will have no impact on absolutely anyone here but I thought I would read it anyway because why not. Take a listen:

Marks and Spencer plans to have about 30% fewer combined clothing and food stores in 10 years' time as more sales shift online, but will still open new shops when prime sites—like six former Debenhams outlets—become free, it said on May 26th. The British retailer, in the midst of its latest turnaround attempt after decades of failed reinventions, has closed or relocated 59 such “full line” stores over the last three years, leaving it with 254. Its new target is to have a fully modernized core of about 180, in addition to its chain of food-only stores. Debenhams collapsed in December, with its last stores closing earlier in May.

Ah yes, see, Marks and Spencer, if you didn't know, is quite a famous chain of stores in the UK. And there are a quite few other stores that are similar to Marks and Spencer that sell clothes and other daily items and household goods, including British Home Stores, Woolworths, and Debenhams, and all of them have now gone. So, potentially, Marks and Spencer is the next one on the list of failed stores, but we'll have to see how this new plan works out.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.