

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 333

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to Inter-Tomas!

Today I am going to talk to you more about Ella.

Ella put on a hard head. She was ready to ride. In the arena, Mac helped Ella to mount. She felt really high up. Other children were there riding ponies, too. First, they walked around in a circle. Then they steered around some cones. Cracker knocked one over.

This is all for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 333

Hey, everyone!

Here's some rather peculiar but interesting news about dogs! Have a listen:

French scientists found out that dogs could detect the coronavirus. It seems that dogs can sniff COVID-19 in people's sweat. Dogs could sniff COVID-19 in 97% of people who were COVID-19 positive, and in 91% of people who were COVID-19 negative. It means that they were more successful than some tests. The usual 15-minute tests, which people can do at home, can tell if somebody is healthy, but they are not so good at detecting the coronavirus. The results mean that people could use dogs in airports, train stations, or other crowded places. It could be much faster than testing people and it would also cost less money.

Interesting, right? 'Til next time! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 333

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text about America's fragile youth. Take a listen:

Most young Americans expect college to be not only an opportunity to develop intellectually but also a place to have fun during their first years of independence. Recent evidence suggests they may be disappointed. Stress and anxiety among college students have become serious concerns.

This problem has been years in the making. For far too long, children have been kept safe from life's bumps and bruises in the belief that it is good parenting. But as child psychologist David Elkind points out, "We learn through experience, and we learn through bad experiences. Through failure, we learn to cope." Schools share the blame. Many have replaced recess with activities closely supervised by adults. Elkind therefore feels that children no longer learn the skills, such as decision making and interacting with others, that they once did through play. Consequently, as young adults they are less able to deal with life's stresses. The spread of cell phones has added to this problem, with many college students constantly turning to their parents for support. [Michael Liebowitz] believes that parents being constantly available means children will not have the opportunity to overcome their natural shyness. As a result, they will be more likely to suffer from stress and anxiety later in life.

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