

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 334

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part three of the game “musical chairs”.

Dad took away another chair. There were three chairs left. Four children danced around. The music stopped and four children ran to sit down. Who was left out? Dad took away another chair. Three children danced around to the music. Then there were only two chairs left. Who was out of the game?

That is all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 334

Hi, everyone. Welcome back to Inter TOMAS.

Listen to this!

Why does your heart beat fast when you run? Scientist say that when you are quiet, your heart beats 65 to 75 times a minute. Your heart is a pump that pumps blood to all parts of the body. The blood carries oxygen and food. When you run, your muscles work very hard and use the food and oxygen that the blood carries to them. So, your brain sends a signal to the heart. The signal means that the muscles need more food and oxygen. Then, the heart beats faster and sends blood quickly to the muscles. It may beat 90 to 140 times a minute.

This is all for today, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 334

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a conversation about reading politics. Take a listen:

Have you been reading the former prime minister's autobiography?

The one being serialized in (the) Politics Weekly? I read the first couple of installments because I have a subscription to the magazine, but I haven't read the latest one yet. I tried to buy a copy, but it had sold out. People say that, despite his distinguished career, it's pretty disappointing.

That's because they were hoping for lots of exciting disclosures about what really happens in the corridors of power. Actually, it's rather impersonal – mainly innumerable dreary descriptions of everlasting political conferences, at which his speeches are always greeted with thunderous applause from the auditorium.

That makes him sound rather arrogant. I guess one cannot expect much more from a politician.

I don't know. Some politicians' memoirs are really absorbing, as well as quite witty and charming about political life. Not this one, though.

It's the same in real life. He always comes across as very calm and composed but somehow a bit wooden and insincere.

Certainly some of the tributes he pays to other leaders seem like mere flattery. On the whole, though, he seems a decent but rather boring man.

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