

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 350

Hi everyone! Welcome back to PR junior.

This is the second part of the “Past and Present”. Take a listen.

There were no vacuum cleaners then. They had to sweep the floor with a broom. People could not wash or dry their clothes in machines like we do. Washing was put on the line outside to dry, [and] sometimes it got wet again. Wow, that was so interesting!

Well that is all for today. See you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1 , 中級) No. 350

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I have a story called The Jackal and the Sun Child. Let's begin:

A Jackal is a wild dog with a big black back. It resides in the desert. But how did the jackal get his back black? This was how it happened.

One day, the jackal saw a girl. She was sitting upon a rock. She was not a normal child. She was a rare and beautiful sun child. She was bright and warm like the sun. The child saw the jackal and smiled.

Well, that's all for today and come back next time for part 2. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 350

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, the UK has a lot of world-famous TV shows, with classics like Mr. Bean and Doctor Who, and some more modern examples like the comedy show, *Fleabag*, but have you heard of any British soap operas? There are quite a few and the most famous one is probably *Coronation Street*, which is set in my hometown! Take a listen to this:

Queen Elizabeth II* visited the set of *Coronation Street* in London on July 8th to mark the 60th birthday of the TV soap opera. The monarch was all smiles as she walked along the cobbled street. She also visited a studio. Inside the studio, the crew and cast film the interior of the Rovers Return pub. It was the second time the queen, 95... (ninety-five!) has visited the set of "Corrie". The first time was in the early 1980s, at the show's original studios in Manchester. She told the cast it was "really marvelous you've been able to carry on" during the pandemic. She also took time to chat to backstage staff, including writers, camera operators, set designers, and sound engineers. The soap opera focuses on the lives of residents of Weatherfield, a fictional town in northern England. *Coronation Street* is the world's longest-running TV drama series.

Ah, you see, there you go! Pretty significant even on an international scale. But would I recommend watching it? Hmm... nah. Probably not.

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