Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 352

Hello there. This is PR junior dictation challenge.

Today, I will talk about my family. My mother is good at cooking. She is very active. She likes to talk about TV shows with her friends. My father is quiet. But he likes to sing. Do you respect your father? I respect my father very much. He is great because he is kind and fair to everyone. I have an elder sister. She is funny and smart. Everyone in my family is very friendly. I enjoy every day with my family.

This is all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 352

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

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

The sun child said, "Jackal, I have been relaxing on this rock for too long. I must get home soon. But I am slow, and you will likely get me home more quickly." Then she requested, "Will you carry me home? If you do, I'll give you this necklace."

The wild jackal agreed. So the sun child sat on the dog's back. They started to walk. But soon, the jackal felt ill. The sun child was very hot on his back. The heat was hurting his back very badly.

Well, that's all for today and come back next time for part 3. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 352

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR2.

Today, we will be taking a look at the correlation between genes and leadership. Let's begin:

What causes some human beings to become great leaders? New research by psychologists at the University of Western Ontario in Canada suggests that there may be an inherited factor —a leadership gene—that determines whether an individual has the ability to lead others. The psychologists compared the results of personality tests carried out on identical twins, who share inheritable traits, with those carried out on non-identical twins. The results, published in the journal *Twin Research*, reveal a genetic link with the ability to lead. This indeed might explain why certain families, such as the Kennedys and the Churchills, have produced more than their fair share of famous figures.

Historians, however, who often spend much of their lives studying the great, doubt such claims. Professor Jack Cohen of Warwick University points out that in the case of Winston Churchill, it was clear that his aristocratic family environment played a great part in the development of his leadership qualities, in the same way "as children who have violins thrust into their hands at age one and a half are more likely to think about music."

Well, that is it. Whose claim do you agree more with? Please let me know in class. Stay safe, and enjoy your summer vacation. Bye!