

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 361

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Have you had a nice summer vacation? I think most of you are already back at school, or will be soon, so... are you sad that your vacation is already over? When I was in school, my summer vacation was six weeks, but I wanted it to last even longer. Now, I wish I had just one week of summer vacation! I hope you made the most of your time off.

See you soon!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 361

Hey, guys! How's it going?

Last week was a little bit cooler compared to the previous few weeks, but today is pretty hot again. It's hot, but not exactly sunny; it's just cloudy and humid – exactly the kind of weather that I didn't want this summer. I was really hoping for a few more hot and sunny days so I could enjoy a nice relaxing afternoon at the park, maybe with a couple of friends. And as the rainy season extended into the middle of summer, and pretty much all the way through summer, I thought there might still be a few of those nice days at the end of August, but it doesn't look like it.

What do you guys do when the weather's like this? Not too hot to go outside but not really nice enough weather enough to enjoy it? Let me know, okay?

Alright, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 361

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR2.

Last class, we talked about the coming retail collapse. Today, we will be working on the remaining parts, but before we start, let's quickly review the contents [we] covered last class. Do you remember what it was about? Well, it was about the danger that the retail industry is facing due to the growing influence of e-commerce and the death spiral caused by downsizings of retailers. Employees are worrying, but thanks to their proficiency, there may be a chance for them to find a new career in other service-oriented industries. Well, that's it from last class, and now, let's start working on the remaining parts. Let's begin.

And what about all the abandoned shopping centers and malls that are predicted to cover urban and suburban neighborhoods? Will the sight of boarded-up stores result in an increase of crime and reduced property values? Perhaps yes, but most likely it would happen in the short term. While the quality of these neighborhoods will be lowered for the time being, people still have a need to congregate in restaurants, bars, schools, hospitals, and recreational facilities. As retail spaces vanish, other businesses will eventually discover the potential of the area and invest in rebuilding the community.

All right. That's it for today. I personally find it hard to believe that the retail industry is in such danger. What do you think? Please let me know in class.

Thank you very much for coming today, and see you next time. Bye!