

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 384

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have the second part of the story, *The Hungry Dragon*. Let's begin.

'Don't eat me!' said Sia. 'I'll give you some food.'

Sia took the dragon to his house. He ate three plates of chicken and rice.

'I'm still hungry,' said the dragon.

Sia gave the dragon more food. He ate five plates of noodles and ten sausages. He was still hungry!

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 384

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I will be telling you about Thomas Edison, who is very well known for his invention of light bulbs. Let's begin.

Thomas Edison was born in 1847 in the town of Milan, Ohio. Ever since he was very small, he wanted to know the reason for everything he saw. When he was in elementary school, he only studied what he liked, and asked the teachers many strange questions. Teachers didn't like him very much. Finally, he left school and his mother taught him at home. He liked science very much and did a lot of experiments in the basement of his house. When he was twelve years old, he sold newspapers in trains in order to get money for his experiments. He even did his experiments in moving trains and made his own newspapers.

Okay, that is all for today. And I will see you guys in the next video. Bye-bye.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 384

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, during conversation practice, I usually have my students try to ask me a question, and one of the questions that I often get asked – especially among younger students – is, “What’s your favourite animal?” I always give the same, honest answer to this and those of you who know me might already know what that is, but for those of you who aren’t aware, my favourite animal is the Komodo dragon. And for the first time since doing these dictation videos, I have a news story about them. So, take a listen:

Trapped on island habitats made smaller by rising seas, Indonesia’s Komodo dragons were listed as “endangered” on September 4th, in an update of the wildlife Red List. The update also warned that overfishing threatens nearly two in five sharks with extinction. About 28% of the 138,000 species assessed by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature are now at risk of vanishing, as the destructive impact of human activity on the natural world deepens. The latest update also highlights the potential for restoration, with four commercially fished tuna species pulling back from a slide toward extinction after a decade of efforts to curb over-exploitation.

Ah, yes, you see? The Komodo dragon: pretty scary creatures, but still in need of our protection. And pretty awesome!

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