

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 385

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

They went to the restaurant. The dragon ate twenty meatballs and fifty fish balls with twelve plates of sticky rice. After that he ate six puddings and a cake. He was still hungry!

They went to the shop. The dragon ate all the fruit and vegetables: mangos and cabbages, tomatoes, mushrooms, and beans.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 385

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So, last time we started a new story about a little train who goes on sweet little adventures around the Welsh countryside. Let's continue that story now:

"See that hill on the left?", said Jones the Steam, Ivor's driver. "That is called Smoke Hill. Some say it was once a volcano."

"TOOT, TOOT!"

"What? Smoke? Why, so there is!"

There was! Ivor stopped beside Smoke Hill and Jones ran up the hill. The smoke was coming from under the loose stones at the top of the hill. He touched one; it was very hot.

Ooh! Well, if this hill used to be a volcano, I wonder why there is smoke coming from it and why that stone is so hot. I guess we'll just have to keep reading to find out...

Alright, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 2, 上級) No. 385

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, we will be taking a look at wind forecasting and electricity generation. Let's begin.

Wind power generation is growing by leaps and bounds across the United States as wind farms become more cost-efficient. Part of this increased efficiency is due to accurate wind forecasting for wind farms. In the past, meteorologists measured wind speed at 10 meters above ground. It was particularly useful information for airport takeoffs and landings, but the wind speeds are generally faster at the great heights of turbines in wind farms. Modern forecasting helps wind farm operators predict the wind speeds at 80 meters (the height of a turbine's hub) and 120 meters (the highest point of a turbine's blades) above ground. In such flat areas as those in Texas and the upper Midwest, today's accurate wind speed forecasts have helped generate up to 15 percent more power output.

Wind forecasting is useful for knowing how much power wind farms will produce. This information, in turn, can be useful for balancing total electricity generation and consumption. It is important that this balance in power grid be maintained, as an imbalance impacts power quality and supply.

OK. That is all for today. Thank you very much for watching, and I will see you guys in the next video. Bye-bye.