

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 388

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

The dragon was still a bit hungry. Sia looked in his pocket. There was one sweet. He gave the sweet to the dragon. The dragon exploded!

"Hooray!" shouted Sia. "The dragon is gone. No more boys for breakfast."

Well, that's all for today and I'll see you in class. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 388

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I will be telling you a little bit more about Thomas Edison. Let's begin.

After becoming an adult, he made his own laboratory and factory, and made many inventions. He made the first phonograph in the world. A phonograph is a machine which can record sounds. He recorded his own voice on this machine. Everybody who heard the sound coming from the machine was very surprised and was not able to sleep that night.

Before he died, he invented over 1000 things. He only invented things which made our lives happy, and he never invented any weapons of war. He hated war and loved peace. Not only Americans but also people all over the world respect him very much.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 388

Welcome back to PR2!

This is part three of "The Aging Population". Let's begin.

With unemployment in the USA and some European countries hitting near record lows and significant skill shortages in some areas, a strong push to retain older workers is developing. However, this will require big shifts in attitudes among both employees and employers. A recent Australian survey found that, when looking to fill senior management jobs, 60% of companies still preferred people in their 30's, and 65% of companies said employees over 50 would be the first to go. Governments are just beginning to take positive action to counter these prejudices. In Japan, the government is providing financial help to companies to encourage them to retain older workers. In Britain, where early retirement is estimated to cost around \$27 billion a year, a major effort is being made to help older unemployed people get back into jobs. The British government minister in charge of employment has declared that age discrimination is "bad for the economy and unfair to the individual."

This is it for part three. See you next time!