

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 405

Hi! Welcome back to PR Junior.

I got an email from my American friend, Ellis. She came to Japan last month. Listen to this:

Hi!

I miss Japan so much! I sent you some photos, did you get them? There is a really funny one of your dog! I have to write about my holiday in Japan for school. I have a question: we visited a town with a big tower with your parents – what is the name of the town?

Love, Ellis

See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 405

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I will be telling you about New York, which is one of the biggest cities in the whole world. Let's begin.

New York City is sometimes called "The Big Apple." It is a huge city, and many people work and live there. In the Big Apple, you can enjoy many kinds of activities. If you like art, you should visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This museum is huge and has a lot of paintings and statues collected from all over the world. One day is never enough to enjoy everything in this museum.

Alright, that is all for today and we will be working on the remaining parts in the next video. Thank you very much for watching and see you next time. Bye-bye!

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Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, based on conversations I've had with many of my students, it seems like a lot of you don't have Netflix, or use it that regularly, but I'm sure you've all heard of the latest phenomenon to come out of Netflix and subsequently spread all over the world. Take a listen to this:

Hit South Korean show *Squid Game* has officially become Netflix's biggest original series launch, the streaming service said on Twitter on October 12th. The nine-part thriller, in which cash-strapped contestants play childhood games with deadly consequences in a bid to win 45.6 billion won, has become a worldwide sensation, reaching "111 million fans" since its launch on September 17th. Netflix co-CEO and Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos told a tech conference in California in September that the streaming service was surprised by how popular *Squid Game* has become. "We did not see that coming, in terms of its global popularity," he said.

Yes, well, it's definitely a huge success and everybody's talking about it, but have you seen it? I've watched all of the episodes and it's definitely a good show, but I'm not quite sure I understand why it became so hyped. Hmm, I guess you'll just have to judge that for yourselves.

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