

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 410**

Hi! This is PR Junior.

Oh! I got another email from John. Listen to this:

Hello,

Did you hear about Tom? His mother sent me an email.

– Wait, what? He’s in the hospital! –

He was skiing in the mountains last Sunday and he fell and broke his leg!

Let’s visit him. I’ll take him some magazines. He’ll go home on Friday, so can you go on Thursday afternoon? He won’t come back to school until January.

Talk to you soon,

John

See you later!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 410**

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today I’m going to tell you about two big cities of the world. Let’s begin!

Mumbai is a city on the west coast of India. It is one of the biggest cities in the world, with a population of over 18 million people. Mumbai is famous for its national park and being the home of “Bollywood”, where most Indian movies are made.

London is the capital of the United Kingdom. It is in the south of the country and has a population of around eight million people. London was created by the Romans in 43 AD. It is well known for its landmarks, such as Big Ben and the London Eye.

Do you want to visit someday? That is all for today. Bye-bye!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 410

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text about Christmas shopping. Take a listen.

In many countries, Christmas is, above all, a time for giving presents, either out of affection or from a sense of obligation. Recently, though, a new trend in the observance of this custom has come into fashion in the United States. Nowadays, many young people do not confine themselves to giving present to other people – they also give them to themselves. In fact, according to a recent survey, over 70% of people between the ages of 18 and 24 buy themselves Christmas presents. Many older people, however, disapprove of such behavior, regarding young people to be selfish and breaching the Christmas spirit.

As many people of the younger generation do not have children yet, they can afford this extra expenditure. Another reason is because they grew up amid numerous consumer goods at a time when the economy was flourishing. Accustomed to receiving presents frequently from their parents, they continue to crave new possessions after they have grown up. Moreover, when they spend money on others, they feel they deserve some compensation themselves. To sum up, this new custom is not so much the sign of younger people being selfish, but rather a testimony to the fact that they grew up at a time when both money and new consumer goods abounded.

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