

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 416**

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part ten of the story about the fieldtrip. Let's begin!

"Oil is terrible stuff," said Mrs. West. "You can see what it does to animals and birds if it spills into the sea."

"It is terrible," said Mrs. Benson. "I'm having trouble getting it off Charlie and Adam."

"I feel really sorry for the seagull," said Charlie.

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 416**

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, the talking dragon that appeared wanted to travel around with Ivor and Jones, but the stationmaster said he had to ride in a basket. Let's see what happens...

The dragon climbed into the basket... and it burst into flames!

"I was afraid that would happen!"

"Fire! Fire!" shouted the stationmaster. He brought a bucket of water.

"No, no!" shouted the dragon. "Not water! Water is certain death to dragons!"

The stationmaster did not hear him. He threw the bucket of water, but the dragon had flown up into the sky.

"Phew! That was close!" cried Jones. "Where is he now?"

So, it seems like the dragon is okay, but he's probably very frightened! Let's see what happens next time! Bye, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 416

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

This is the second half of the passage about how aristocrats dressed in the 1700s in Europe. Today we are going to focus on men's fashion. Let's begin!

Men's fashion was similarly absurd. Today it would probably seem very feminine. Reputable men wore wigs of long curly hair. Their shoes had large soles or high heels so that they could walk high above the filth on the streets. Furthermore, just like the ladies, the men wore lipstick and put rouge on their cheeks.

Their clothes were brightly colored, often purple and pink. They were made from the finest of fabrics and decorated with jewels and lace. The men vied with one another to see who wore the most expensive clothes, for the clothing signified his wealth and status. Both men and women spent huge amounts of money and time on how they looked. Though such vanity would seem vulgar today, three hundred years from now, the fashions of our time might also seem completely ridiculous.

Now that you heard about the way aristocrats used to dress back in the day in Europe, how does it compare to the aristocracy in Japan. Do you agree that modern fashion today could be considered ridiculous in 300 years? All very exciting things to think about. Anyways, that was all from me for today. See you next time! Bye-bye!