

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 418**

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I brought you part four of the story about a pumpkin. Let's begin.

Then Daddy and Mommy tried to lift the pumpkin onto the truck.

"It's too big to lift," said Mommy.

"What will we do?" asked Cindy. Daddy went inside and came back with the ironing board.

"This can be a ramp," he said. Cindy helped Mommy and Daddy roll the pumpkin up the ramp.

OK. That's it for today. See you next time. Bye-bye.

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 418**

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today I'm going to tell you about the Parthenon. Let's begin!

The Parthenon is a temple that was built in the fifth century in Athens, Greece. The ancient Greeks built the temple in honor of the goddess Athena. The city's name also comes from the goddess's name. The Parthenon is one of the oldest and finest examples of ancient Greeks' building skills.

There are many amazing features of the Parthenon. One example is the columns of the temple. The builders of the Parthenon made the columns curve out, so they were a little wider in the middle. This trick makes the columns look straight when viewed from below.

That is all for today. Thank you very much for listening. See you next time! Bye-bye!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 418

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, in previous PR2 dictation videos, I've talked a little bit about the Vikings – the race of travelers and conquerors that came from what is now mostly Scandinavia, and famously invaded England in around the 8<sup>th</sup> century, which changed the course of English history and the English language forever. But what a lot of people don't know is that they actually sailed much further afield, even reaching America. Take a listen to this:

Long before Columbus crossed the Atlantic, eight timber-framed buildings covered in sod stood on a terrace above a peat bog and stream at the northern tip of Canada's island of Newfoundland, evidence that the Vikings reached the New World first. But precisely when the Vikings journeyed to establish the L'Anse aux Meadows settlement had remained unclear until now. Scientists on October 20<sup>th</sup> said a new type of dating technique using a long-ago solar storm as a reference point revealed that the settlement was occupied in A.D. 1021, exactly a millennium ago and 471 years before the first voyage of Columbus.

Ah yes, I've heard a few times that Columbus, famous for discovering America, didn't actually arrive there first, and I guess this proves it!

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