

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 430

Hi, guys! Welcome to PR Junior.

Hi, Ivo! Do you want to study abroad in the future?

Yes! I want to study in New Zealand in the future.

Why do you want to go to New Zealand?

Because I am very interested in the animals and beautiful nature there. What about you?

I want to study in France in the future because I am interested in French.

I see.

That is all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 430

Hey, guys! How's it going?

Let's see how the dragon is doing in Llaniog town...

You might think a red-hot dragon about the place would be a nuisance, but Jones soon got used to looking after him. In fact, he could be useful, like the time when the whole of the choir decided to go to Mrs. Thomas' fish and chips shop.

"Sixteen cod and chips, please!" said Evans the Song.

"Sixteen?!" wailed poor Mrs. Thomas. "The gas burner isn't working! I can't get the fire hot!"

So, there was only one thing to do. The dragon is a bit shy usually, but this was an emergency. Jones told him what had happened and he left Ivor's firebox and flew down to the shop.

Oh! Maybe he's going to help! Let's see next time. Bye, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 430

Hello, everyone!

This is PR2 and today I'm going to read the second half of the text about the Greek Magical Papyri. Let's begin!

Other parts of the collection describe how to hone one's psychic abilities and how to give credible descriptions of the future. Often, the book advised people how to use different objects to tell the future, including tea leaves. Also, one part of the book tells what different dreams might mean. It gives advice for using dreams to tell the future.

A small part of the book, however, is more sinister than the rest. It is meant to cause strife and deception. For example, one tells how to give someone warts, while another will make all of the victim's farm animals die. However, if someone's farm animals died as a result of a curse, he could ask a magician to perform magic that makes the deceased come back to life.

Imagine what life must've been like for people who lived in the time period when this used to be common practice! To this day, in my country there are people – mainly old ladies – who practice magic. For example, many people take their child to a woman like this, whenever it gets startled by something. Why? Because getting startled is considered a bad thing that needs to be cleansed from your body!

Do spells and rituals like this exist in Japan? I would gladly hear all about them in our next PR2 class! See you then!