

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 431

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Last time, I talked a bit about Christmas and Christmas presents. Today, I want to tell you about some of the presents I have received. As an adult, I usually get things like books, socks, and snacks. But when I was young, I got some cool, exciting toys and games. One year, I got the special edition Pikachu N64, which was Nintendo's newest games console at the time. That was a good present.

Okay, join me next time guys! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 431

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

This is the second half of the text about the history of the Web. Let's begin!

In 1993, a man named Marc Andreessen found a way to show pictures on the web. Before that, webpages could only show text. Having both text and pictures made the Web much more popular!

These days, it is very easy to get on the Web. Millions of people use it every day. It has changed the way we share information forever.

Can you imagine that people used to live without having access to the Web, otherwise known as the Internet? People used to live so differently to the way we do now. Anyways, that was all for today. Good luck with your studies! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 431

Hello! Welcome to PR2!

Today we'll talk about school and plans for the future!

Future Plan Required of Graduates

The Chicago Board of Education recently approved [a] plan called "Learn. Plan. Succeed." that will require all of the district's 380,000 high school students to provide evidence that they have a plan for their future before they can receive their high school diplomas. Students must show that they have acceptance to college or vocational training or have a solid job offer, including military service. The requirement will come into effect in 2020. The city's mayor wants to assure that the school district, the third-largest in the U.S., is setting up students for a more productive future.

Few educational experts in the U.S. would deny the fact that students need more than a high school diploma to face future challenges. However, critics dispute whether the additional requirement of further study or a job offer is truly attainable. For example, Chicago Republican Party Chairman Chris Cleveland questions how a cash-strapped school system can afford the counseling and student supervision that the new policy would require. Due to a lack of funds, he believes the school system should instead focus on improving its current graduation rate and reducing the nearly 30 percent dropout rate. The president of the Chicago Teachers Union believes the requirement is meaningless.

That's all for today! See you next time.