

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 433

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I will tell you about an earthquake. Let's begin.

Michelle felt the earthquake. It lasted for only five seconds. The whole house shook. She had never felt an earthquake. It was very strong. It was as if a giant hand had shaken her house. It was a 4.7 earthquake, but everything was okay.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 433

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, there was a problem with the fryer at the fish and chips shop, and it looked like the dragon was going to help out. Let's see what happens...

"What's this?" cried Mrs. Thomas in alarm.

"Just our friend the dragon," said Evans soothingly. "He will oblige us with a few fiery breaths and then you will have fire and warmth all glowing under your fryer, and we shall have fish and chips."

And so it was! The dragon sat under the fryer and blew and blew. Soon the fat began to sizzle and then the shop was full of the lovely smell of fish and chips and the happy sound of eating.

Hah! So, thanks to the dragon, everyone could get their fish and chips. Have you ever had fish and chips? Real fish and chips? Let me know, okay? See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 433

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, we will be taking a closer look at Finland's experimental Universal Basic Income, or the Finnish UBI project. Let's begin.

The trial has more than its share of sceptics, including many in Finland. The country's largest union believes the trial requires too much money and that it encourages people to work less, driving up wages in jobs viewed as difficult or unpleasant. The Finnish public shows mixed feelings about UBI becoming a possible reality as well. A recent survey showed that though 70% like the general idea of a UBI program, the number of supporters fell to only 35% when respondents were told that already high Finnish income taxes would necessarily go up to pay for the benefit. The Finnish UBI project has its limitation. Kangas is disappointed by the fact that he was given only 20 million euros for the study, which severely restricted the number of subjects. That makes the statistical analysis of results less meaningful. In addition, he would have liked to see the inclusion of more low-income workers in the study to see if they choose to work less. Despite this, international interest for the Finnish study has been intense, with France, Italy, Switzerland, Scotland, and the Netherlands expressing interest in running their own studies.

Okay, that is it for the Finnish UBI project. Thank you very much for watching, and see you next time. Bye-bye!