

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 434

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I will tell you a story about Daisy and Ted's day. Let's begin.

Daisy and Ted were excited. They were going to tea with their friend and they were wearing their nice, new trainers.

Alright, that is the first part of our story, and we will continue next time. Excellent job today, and see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 434

Hi, guys! Welcome to PR 1.

Do you know when tomatoes [were] first eaten? Take a listen to this:

Tomatoes first grew in South America. Then, Central Americans began to grow and eat them. The name "tomato" came from *tomato*, the Mexican name for the plant. The Spanish brought tomatoes to Europe in the early 16th century. At first, people in Europe grew tomatoes only because they were pretty. Then, Italians began to grow them for food. In the 18th century, English people took tomatoes from Europe to North America, but in those days most Americans would not eat them. They believed that the plant was poisonous and bad for their health.

I will see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 434

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a bit of news here from the technology world that's not exactly local but is still relatively close to home, so take a listen to this:

The world's first operational dual-mode vehicle, or DMV – essentially a bus capable of running on roads and railway tracks – is set to enter service in December in the Shikoku region. Asa Seaside Railway Corporation in Tokushima Prefecture said it will roll out the DMV on December 25th, having cleared safety checks by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism. The vehicles will run on a 50-kilometer course connecting the town of Kaiyo in Tokushima and the city of Muroto, Kochi Prefecture, of which 10 kilometers will be on a railway track. Three DMVs will be in operation, each with a capacity of 23 passengers and crew.

Well, that's interesting! So, I guess it's basically a bus that can operate on rails as well as roads, which means it must have two sets of wheels. Or one set of wheels that can fit over railway tracks while not damaging road surfaces. And will it be fully manually-operated like a bus? Or will it be partially automatic like a train? Hmm, I guess we'll have to wait and see.

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