

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 437

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Last time, I told you about one of the best Christmas presents I have received, but this time I want to ask you about presents that you have given to other people.

Of course, receiving presents is fun, but I think giving presents is even more fun – but sometimes scary. It's difficult to choose the right gift for someone and I often feel nervous about their reaction.

What are some presents that you have given to others? Let me know, okay? See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 437

Hello! Welcome to PR1.

Today's dialogue will be about a situation after a typhoon. So, let's get started:

Hi, Lisa. The typhoon was very strong. Are you and your family okay?

Hello, Miss Stewart. We are fine now. We couldn't use water [or] electricity at home for one night because of the terrible rain.

That was very bad. How did you spend the night?

We went to the gym of an elementary school and stayed there.

Did your neighbours go there?

Yes, they did. I met some people that I didn't see* for a long time.

I met an old man who lived near my house. When I was a small kid, we often saw each other.

He and his wife were always kind to me.

Did he remember you?

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

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Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 437

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I've talked a little bit before in previous PR2 dictation videos about the countries that I haven't yet been to but would really like to go to, and another place I want to go to is Tibet. Take a listen to this:

Tibetans are a deeply religious people, and Tibet's capital, Lhasa, is filled with monasteries and temples. They are beautiful attractions in their own right and give visitors a glimpse into daily life in one of the world's highest cities. Looking down on the city is Potala Palace. The current palace was built starting in 1645 by the fifth Dalai Lama. It's known as the Dalai Lama's winter palace, but the current Dalai Lama hasn't been here since 1959, when he escaped the Chinese military. As a tourist, however, you can buy a ticket and enjoy the palace's sumptuous interior.

Another must-see attraction is Barkhor Street, a circular street in the Old City. Street stalls are everywhere, and you can haggle for souvenir prayer wheels, Buddha heads, and brightly coloured Buddhist paintings called thangkas.

Ah, yes, Tibet is definitely an interesting place, with an interesting and quite controversial history, but as far as I know, tourists are still very welcome there as long as they're respectful, so it's certainly on my list.

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