

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 442

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have a text called "Owl Vacation". Take a listen.

Every year, we go to Florida. We like to go to the beach. My favourite beach is called Emerson Beach. It is very long, with soft sand and palm trees. It is very beautiful. I like to make sandcastles and watch the sailboats go by. Sometimes there are dolphins and whales in the water.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 442

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, Jones looked everywhere for the dragon but couldn't find him. Let's see how he's getting on...

The next morning, as Jones was talking to the stationmaster on the platform, Officer Gregory rode up on his bike.

"Have you seen the dragon?" said Jones.

"Shhh!" hissed the policeman. "There's a lady in the town asking for you. Very posh, she is. I think she is doing the investigation."

"Oh dear," muttered Jones. "I'm no good at telling lies. If she asks me, I shall tell her everything!"

"Aha!" came a hoot from behind him. Jones spun around. There was Mrs. Griffiths of the historical society. She was a large lady in a hat. "You must be Mr. Jones the engine driver!" she said.

Could this mean trouble? Let's find out next time! See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 442

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I will be telling you about the future of work. Let's start right away:

Many cynics predict that artificial intelligence will lead to an economic and social slump in which robots replace the majority of workers, resulting in mass unemployment. After all, automation has already been drastically reducing the workforce in certain industries, such as American agriculture, for decades. In 1900, about 41 percent of the American workforce consisted of farmers. Advancements in agricultural automation primarily drove that number down to a mere two percent by 2000. People are now looking into the crystal ball to predict how artificial intelligence is going to affect the labor market as a whole. There have been notable predictions on the effects of the rise of AI on labor efficiency. As far back as 1930, economist John Keynes believed that technology would make humans so highly productive that they would only work 15 hours a week. Their biggest problem would be to figure out how to use all their free time productively. Today, however, many high-income workers are busier than ever, with 50-hour-work-weeks [being] common. Low-income workers are scrambling to find second jobs to help them survive with the minimum wage. Though his prediction has not occurred, the idea itself has left its mark.

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