

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 445

Hello, everyone!

Today, I will be talking about Sam the cat and his camping story. This is part three of the story. Let's start!

"I'm hungry," said Simon. "What did you bring for me to eat?"

"I have some fish cakes." Sam said.

"Yum!" said Simon. He gobbled them up in delight.

"Look!" said Sam. "The stars are so bright. I see at least a million."

"I see seventy-one." said Paul.

"I see nothing," said Simon. "But two silly cats looking at the moonlight."

That is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 445

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, the lady from the historical society, Mrs. Griffiths arrived in the town. Jones was nervous about talking to her, but she already found him! Let's see what happens...

"You must be Mr. Jones the engine drive," said Mrs. Griffiths.

"Yes, I must," said Jones reluctantly. "And this is Ivor. Say hello to the lady, Ivor."

Ivor was silent.

"Ivor?" said the Lady, puzzled. "Which of you gentlemen is Ivor?"

"The engine, madam," whispered the police officer.

"Does he always speak to it?"

"Oh, yes, Madam. We don't take any notice of that," said the police officer.

Mrs. Griffiths gulped and spoke again: "The dragon. I hear that you have sighted a dragon."

Oh, no! Will Jones accidentally tell her all about the dragon? Can he keep it secret? Let's find out next time! See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 445

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text called, 'The decline of men'. Take a listen.

According to Hanna Rosin, an American author, in 2010 the women of two-thirds of American families earned the same as or more than their spouses. In fact, the last decade has seen a historic shift in the economic position of women in many countries. But while figures such as these may be notable milestones on the path to gender equality, they also pose special problems for men as they need to readjust attitudes. When Rosin questioned husbands about how they felt about this situation, while a small number expressed contentment, most expressed dismay.

However difficult it may be for male dignity, though, men have little choice but to face up to the rising power of women in society. This is because most trends in advanced economies favor women. During the last recession, 6 million manufacturing jobs were wiped out in the US as manufacturers went under. As manufacturing was an almost exclusively male occupation, this had a devastating effect on male employment. In 2012, the number of men out of work overtook the number of women. However much men may resent the fact, the task of providing the family has increasingly fallen on women.

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