

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 447

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have a text called “My Wonderful Family”. Take a listen.

I live in a house near the mountains. I have two brothers and one sister. My father teaches mathematics. And my mother is a nurse at a big hospital. My brothers are very smart and work hard in school. My sister is a nervous girl, but she is very kind.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 447

Hello, welcome to PR1.

This is the last part [of] the dialogue about the typhoon, so let’s get started.

I am very interested in that number.

Me too. About 40 percent of the students in 2018 think like you. That’s a lot, isn’t it, Lisa?

It is. It’s 2 in every 5 people. Is the number increasing?

Yes. More and more junior high school students are interested in their community.

Really? That’s great. I want to help my neighbors, too. What should I do first?

Anything is okay, if it is for others.

I see. I will continue to say hello to my neighbors. I will also volunteer in an animal shelter.

I think that’s a great idea.

Alright, that is it for the dialogue about typhoon[s] and community service. What do you want to do for your neighbors? Please tell me in class. Thank you very much for watching and see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 447

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I'm going to be reading the second half of the story about Richard – the forest ranger. Let's go!

He started to run, but within seconds, he was knocked sideways and buried by the snow and rubble from an old cabin that had been destroyed. An aerial rescue team came quickly. Richard was just a speck amongst the great pile of snow, but the team found him thanks to his brightly colored jacket. They quickly took him to a hospital.

After a few hours, Richard woke up in the hospital. He looked at the sober faces of the doctors and saw his wife sobbing.

"What's wrong?" he asked. He didn't remember what had happened.

"You were almost killed!" his wife said.

"You broke several ribs. But the rest of your body is still reasonably intact. You are really lucky to be alive," the doctor said.

After five days, Richard was discharged from the hospital. The experience had taught him a poignant lesson: he was a mortal, and nature was much more powerful than him.

I've heard that avalanches are extremely dangerous, and Richard is lucky to be alive. I guess what we can take away from this story is to be cautious and know your limits. I hope you enjoyed this story and I will see you next time! Bye-bye!