

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 45**

**Anda:** Hey! I didn't see you at school yesterday afternoon!

**Kei:** I went home after lunch.

**Anda:** Why?

**Kei:** I felt sick.

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 45**

Hi everyone! How are you doing? We will do PR 1 dictation and today we will use the pre-level 2 eiken text book.

Teresa enjoys spending time with her father. Their favorite sport is soccer, and on the weekends they often watch soccer at home on TV. Usually her father cooks a lot of food to eat during the games. The final game of the season is next week, and Teresa and her father are looking forwards to it.

I hope you guys understood, and I will see you guys in the next video. Bye guys!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 45

Hey everyone. I have another considerable but interesting challenge for you here, so listen to this:

Potatoes have not always enjoyed the popularity that they do today. In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century the French believed that potatoes caused disease, the Germans grew potatoes only for cattle and for prisoners, the Russian farmer considered them to be poisonous. All that changed when Catherine the Great, ruler of Russia, cleverly ordered fences built around the potato fields. Large notices were posted warning the local residents not to steal potatoes. The potato became a staple of the Russian diet, and the rest is potato history. Catherine the Great campaigned to introduce the potato into the Russian diet, made use of a common nonetheless effective principle- scarcity sells. The attractiveness of an object can be increased by making it appear scarce and unavailable by building barriers that make the object difficult to obtain. To paraphrase an old saying, scarcity makes the heart grow fonder.

Hmm, it's a little bit like toilet paper in Tokyo, isn't it? I never worried about buying toilet paper before, but now when I see lots of toilet paper in a store, I'm tempted to buy some even if I don't need it, just because it seems more scarce and valuable now. This passage is also from the Aoyama Gakuin University entrance exam, and in my opinion, it's not quite as difficult as some of the other passages we've looked at. But, let me know what you think. Ok guys, as always, study hard, stay safe, and see you soon.