

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 450**

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

"It's getting late," said Simon. "Let's try to sleep."

But Paul could not rest. "My sleeping bag is much too tight," he said.

Paul tossed. He turned. He struggled, stretched, and strained.

RIP!

"You're welcome," said Simon.

That is it for today. See you!

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 450**

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

In the last video, I talked about the history of [the] tomato. Listen to the next part:

There was a man called Robert Johnson. When he was in Europe, he enjoyed tomatoes very much. He knew that they were not poisonous. He wanted other Americans to enjoy them, too. Johnson returned to America in 1830, and one day he told everyone, "On September 26<sup>th</sup>, I will eat as many tomatoes as possible."

On that day, about two thousand people came to watch. At noon, Johnson ate the first tomato. He didn't stop eating tomatoes! People cried! In the end, there were no tomatoes left. People said, "We were wrong." By 1835, tomatoes were often sold to American food shops. Today, tomatoes are grown in many countries. They grow on almost any kind of ground.

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 450

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

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

Other economic trends favor women. Thirteen out of the fifteen fastest growing sectors of the economy employ more women than men. Not only do women excel in education, with three women graduating for every two men, but they also often show more aptitude for the kinds of work becoming more common today. The result is that more and more men are reduced to supplementing their wives' incomes. According to Rosin, the problem is not so much that jobs for men are scarce, but that many men have psychological barriers that prevent them from taking them. Men need to become more flexible and pragmatic in their job preferences, even if the salaries are moderate and the positions are not so prestigious.

However hard it is for male vanity to accept, men can never hope to regain their old position as the head of the household. In the past, women were often forced to accommodate themselves to inferior positions just because of their gender. They also frequently took on unpopular jobs. Men, though, do not usually do this. If they can cease to hold onto old attitudes, they may actually find that their lives become more enjoyable and fulfilling.

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