

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 451

Hello! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Do you remember Fluffy, the white puppy?

Fluffy tried to catch the rabbit, but when the rabbit entered the burrow, Fluffy didn't have time to stop, so poor Fluffy was stuck in the burrow! Fluffy tried to pull back, but he was too fat. He tried to push forward, but he couldn't move.

What do you think poor Fluffy did to get out of this one? Let's find out in the next movie. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 451

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I will tell you more about the cultural difference between America and Japan. Let's begin.

Why do the Japanese people like to do things in groups? Why are Americans so surprised? Some people say it is because Japanese people grew rice and Americans did hunting to get their food a long time ago. In order to grow rice, people have to work together. If they hadn't, they couldn't have got food for everybody. In hunting, one good hunter could get food for everybody, so they didn't have to work together so often. That's why even today Japanese people like groups, and American people like to do things alone.

So, that is it for today. Do you agree with this explanation? Well, tell me in class! Thank you for watching, and see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 451

Hello, everyone!

This is PR2 and today's video will be dedicated to the disease known as "smallpox". Take a listen!

Smallpox was once the most deadly disease in the world. During the 1800s, more than 20 million people got the disease every year. Of those, nearly half died. At the onset of smallpox, people suffered from high fevers, headaches, vomiting, and aching muscles. Yet the worst symptom of all was an intolerable rash that caused irritation on the entire body. Those who survived the disease were often rendered blind or left with gross scars on their face and body.

Today, however, cases of smallpox are very rare due to the work of many countries during the late 1900s. This federation of countries collaborated to completely destroy smallpox. Early in the century, wealthy countries in Europe and North America had developed a substance that made the body immune to smallpox. They had required all their citizens to get this vaccine to counteract the disease. Hence, the people of these countries no longer had to worry about smallpox.

Isn't it impressive how humanity has advanced to the point where it can practically erase a disease through the means of medicine? I'm curious to find out how far modern medicine will be able to take us. For now, I will see you in the next video. Bye-bye!