

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 46

Anda: Hey! Are you making lemonade, Kei?

Kei: Yes! Why don't you help me?

Anda: OK! What can I do?

Kei: Bring me five cups of water and cut six lemons.

Anda: Sure!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 46

Hey, everyone!

This is another PR 1 dictation video. We will be using the Eiken Pre-Level 2 textbook.

Are you guys ready? OK, let's start.

Owen goes to the aquarium with his grandmother when she visits him every winter. His favorite animal is the penguin. He loves to watch the penguins swimming in the water and eating fish. In the summer, Owen and his friends often go to a swimming pool and Owen likes to imagine that he is a penguin swimming in the water.

Did you guys do well on that? (We're talking about penguins.)

OK bye, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 46

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Are you ready for another relatively significant listening challenge? Here we go:

How much should people earn? Even if resources were unlimited, it would be difficult to stipulate your ideal salary. Intuitively, one would think that higher pay should produce better results, but scientific evidence indicates that the link between compensation, motivation and performance is much more complex. In fact, research suggests that even if we let people decide how much they should earn, they would probably not enjoy their job more. Even those who highlight the motivational effects of money accept that pay alone is not sufficient. The basic questions are: Does money make our jobs more enjoyable? Or can higher salaries actually demotivate us?

The passage then goes on to address these questions in what I think is a fairly high-level example of English discussion. The other English questions in this past-test are also pretty high-level and that may be because these questions are from the entrance exam for Sophia University, which is known to be quite a high-profile university with many international students. Next time, we'll take a look at some English questions from a different university's entrance exam and you can see how they compare. OK?

In the meantime, study hard, stay safe, and see you soon.

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