

### **Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 468**

Hello! Welcome back.

Let's see if Buddy finds Fluffy this time.

When Buddy reached the farm, Buddy barked wildly and rushed across the field. Tom followed him until he stopped by the rabbit hole. "It's Fluffy! Buddy has found him," Tom yelled with joy as he saw a dirty, hairy tail begin to wag.

Buddy rescued Fluffy! Isn't that great? Fluffy is finally safe and sound! Let's hear the end of the story in the next video! Bye!

### **Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 468**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

This is the second half of the text about earthquakes. Let's begin!

Earthquakes happen all over the world daily. But most of them are too weak to get our attention. The most powerful earthquakes usually happen in places located on major fault lines. They are most likely to happen in countries like Japan, Indonesia, China, and the United States.

Seismologists in the United States have tried to predict earthquakes by measuring how often they can happen on average in some areas. Those in China do so by observing animals and measuring water levels in wells. There have been some cases with these methods, but not enough for scientists to say that they have definitely found a way to predict earthquakes.

That is all for today. See you next time! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 468

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR2.

Today, I will be talking about fear. Let's begin:

Today, there's an overarching narrative of fear. Fear used to be only tied to specific threats – death, punishment, illness, hunger – but in recent times, even a nebulous feeling of fear itself is a legitimate cause for concern, especially when medical scientists tied anxiety to heart disease and cancer. From being previously seen as trivial and weak, low-grade fears are now important enough to warrant an expensive session with a therapist. Thankfully, though, this has led to a rise in number of men opening up about their emotions and anxieties and having a safe space to be vulnerable. Additionally, collective, commonly felt fears are no longer the norm, where contemporary trends of customization have spawned highly individualized fears about our lives. After all, with Doctor Google, we can now perform online searches for all possible diagnoses for the [slightest] bodily health concerns. Interestingly, when there is fear, we give our governments the legal right to control every single aspect of our lives and behavior. We allow ourselves to be watched anonymously by closed circuit television systems and permit our internet activities to be filtered and screened, all in the name of security. Nobody questions the government's monopoly over surveillance, data collection, or even the use of force. By empowering governments with the greatest abilities, people fear less since fanatical terrorists, deadly diseases, and all manner of fearful events are expected to miraculously disappear.

This is it for today. See you!

\* pronounced: "ex-per-teece"