

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 48

Hana: Ugh, it's so hot today! I'm glad I brought my water bottle. It's a pretty big water bottle, so I think this is enough for today. Hmm, where's Bina? He's late...

Bina: Hey, Hana!

Hana: Hi, Bina! That's a huge water bottle!

Bina: No, that's a tiny water bottle. This is normal.

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Hana: Ah, it's so hot today. At least I brought my water bottle – this will keep me hydrated. Hmm, I think Bina's running late – I wonder where he is...

Bina: Hey, Hana!

Hana: Hey...

Bina: Sorry I'm late.

Hana: Why do you have a water tank with you?

Bina: 'Water tank'? This is my water bottle. I keep this with me to stay hydrated in the summer because it's too hot. Why do you have a baby's bottle?

Hana: 'Baby's bottle'? This is a normal water bottle!

Together: Whatever.

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Hey, guys! Hope you're all doing OK.

Are you ready for another fun listening challenge? OK, here we go:

You're interviewing applicants to fill a job position in your firm. What are you looking for in these applicants? If you're like many managers, you'll answer with terms such as *hardworking*, *persistent*, *confident*, and *dependable*. After all, how can you go wrong trying to hire people with traits such as these? Well, you can! The problem is that traits aren't necessarily good predictors of future job performance. Most of us have a strong belief in the power of traits to predict behavior. We know that people behave differently in different situations, but we tend to classify people by their traits, impose judgements about those traits (being self-assured is "good"; being submissive is "bad"), and make evaluations about people based on these trait classifications. Managers often do this when they make hiring decisions or evaluate current employees. After all, if managers truly believed that situations determined behavior, they would hire people almost at random and structure the situation to fit the employee's strengths.

Hmm, OK. What did you think about that? This passage is also from the Sophia University entrance exam and so it, too, is probably a little difficult. Sophia University focuses on English learning to some degree, and so it's probably a good idea to consider the English level in their entrance exams. Are there any other university entrance exams you're curious about taking a look at? If so, let us know!

Alright, guys, as always: study hard, stay safe, and see you soon.