

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 480

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part twenty-three of the story about the fieldtrip. Let's begin!

Will and Charlie pushed the boat out with the oars and Mrs. Benson started the engine.

"So far, so good," said Mrs. Benson. "Let's hope Mrs. West's idea works."

"I hope Mrs. West and Mr. Green will be all right," said Will.

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 480

Hi, there! This is PR1.

This is the next part of the article about supermarkets. Take a listen to this.

For example, 1: The food that everybody must buy, like bread, milk, and vegetables, is spread all over the store. You have to walk to find these things.

2: The expensive food is in packages with bright-colored pictures. It is put at eye level, so you see it and want to buy it.

3: The things that you have to buy anyway are usually put on a higher or lower shelf.

4: However, candy and other things that children like are on lower shelves.

One study showed that when a supermarket moved four products from floor to eye level, it sold 78 percent more.

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 480

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR2.

Today, I will be talking about convenience. Let's start:

Today's cult of convenience fails to acknowledge that difficulty is a constituting feature of human experience. Convenience is all destination and no journey. Climbing a mountain is different from taking a tram to the top, even if you end up in the same place. We are becoming people who care mainly or only about outcomes. We are at risk of making most of our life experiences a series of trolley rides. An unwelcome consequence of living in a world where everything is "easy" is that the only skill that matters is the ability to multitask. At the extreme, we do not actually do anything; we only arrange what will be done, which is a [flimsy] basis for a life. We need to consciously embrace the inconvenient. Today, individuality has come to reside in making at least some inconvenience tritus. Struggle is not always a problem; sometimes struggle is a solution. It can be the solution to the question of who you are. So, let us reflect on the tyranny of convenience. Try more often to resist its stupefying power and see what happens. We must never forget the joy of doing something slow and something difficult – the satisfaction of not doing what is easiest. The constellation of inconvenient tritus may be all that stands between us and a life of total efficient conformity.

This is it for today. See you!