

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 488

Hello! How are you guys?

Today's movie is about a party. Let's begin!

Our grandmother turned eighty years old yesterday. We had a wonderful party to celebrate her special birthday. Before she arrived, everyone told us how to behave well so that we wouldn't spoil her day. "Please be on your best behavior. You must wear your best clothes, but nothing too bright or shiny," said mom.

Alright, this is it for today! See you next time! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 488

Hi! Welcome to PR1.

In the last video, I told you the story of a man who wanted to take cabbages across a river. Let's see how he handled his problem.

Of course, it was possible for him to take the goat across first, and leave the cabbages with the wolf. The wolf would not eat them. But then what? He thought that he could bring either the wolf or the cabbages across the river on his second trip, but then something would be eaten while he went back for the last thing. "There must be a certain way to get the three things across the river, one at a time, without leaving the wolf and the goat, or the goat and the cabbages together," he said to himself. After a while, he had the answer!

Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 488

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, for a few of these PR2 dictation videos, I've read a little bit from travel segments that are about various interesting destinations around the world, but this time I have an article about a place I never expected to see in a Japanese newspaper. Take a listen to this:

Stoke-on-Trent, in the heart of England, has a reputation in the country for poverty, but Stokies are incredibly proud of their heritage. It's the childhood home of R.J. Mitchell, the man who designed the Spitfire, one of the most successful British fighter planes of World War Two. A Spitfire made in 1945 sits in the Potteries Museum. Stoke-on-Trent is well known for its pottery, and you can learn more about that at the Gladstone Pottery Museum. You'll spot the distinctive shape of the kilns – called “bottle ovens” – from a mile away. Next, it's a visit to Trentham Estate, which was demolished in the early 20th century but has since seen a lot of renovation. Its gardens are a lovely walk.

Hmm, yes, I guess Stoke-on-Trent is not a very well-known town – and, if anything, in England it's actually famous for being one of the country's worst towns. I've only been to Stoke-on-Trent once and it was actually to play a concert with my band. It was probably the biggest show we've ever played – I mean, not in terms of audience numbers, but certainly venue size. But apart from that, I don't really have anything to say about Stoke-on-Trent.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.