

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 493**

Hello! Welcome to PR Junior.

“Mari’s Winter Vacation”

Mari is seven years old, and she lives in Kunitachi. Kunitachi is [a] smaller city than Tachikawa. Her grandparents also live in Kunitachi. They live near the station. Mari visited their house as usual during winter vacation. On Christmas, Mari stayed with her grandparents for three hours, because her house is only three minutes away from her grandparents’ house.

‘Kay Thank you!

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 477**

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I will be telling you a story called *The Frog Prince*. Let’s begin.

A lovely princess sat by the pool and played with a sculpture of a bear. Suddenly, she dropped it, and it rolled away. She chased it, but it fell into the water. She began to cry. A large, ugly frog asked, “Why are you crying?” After the princess told him, the frog said, “I can get the sculpture. What will you give me in exchange for the favor?”

“I can pay you a fee in gold,” she said.

But the frog didn’t like that idea. “I want to sleep in your bed, and you must kiss me in the morning.”

So, that would be all for today. Great job, and see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 493

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, we would like to demonstrate a dialogue for you. I will be Jim...

And I will be Alice.

It's 1973. Jim and Alice, classmates from their high school days, are nearing the end of their four years at a college in Boston.

That does it! That was last exam of my college life! How about you, Alice?

My last one's tomorrow. I can hardly wait to get it over with. But at the same time, I feel a bit sad.

I know what you mean. I had a wonderful time in college, and I feel a bit lonely knowing that graduation is just around the corner.

Exactly! I studied hard and did my best in the judo club, so I don't have any regrets. I guess I just don't want my college life to end so suddenly.

I wasn't the scholar you were, but I gave my all to the mountains on weekends and during vacations – hiking and rock climbing from April until October, and skiing the rest of the time. College life was great.

Well, Jim, you can still go to the mountains even after starting to work. You got a job at a bank, didn't you?

OK, that would be all for today, and we will be working on the remaining parts in the next video. Thank you for watching, and see you next time. Bye-bye!