

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 498

Hi! Welcome back to PR Junior!

What did you think about the movie?

It was a little bit long.

Really? I didn't think so. I loved it!

But you were sleeping in the middle of the movie.

Yeah, but I liked the ending! That was my favorite bit. Let's get part one from the DVD store tomorrow!

Sure! But no sleeping, okay?

Okay, I promise.

Why don't we grab some popcorn?

Good idea!

See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 498

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, we are going to talk about different kinds of "venues". Let's begin!

A venue is a place where events are held. One of the most common venues for concerts is the arena. An arena has a roof and an open low area down in the middle, circled by seats that rise one behind another. One good thing about arenas is that they can be used in very poor weather. A larger venue is a stadium, which usually has a much larger open area in the middle. Stadiums are for outdoor concerts – they can hold up to 100,000 people or more.

One of the most dramatic places to watch a concert is in an amphitheater. It is usually outdoors and has a curved shape, with natural structures around the edge.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 498

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a news story here about everyone's favorite ex-president, whose name we just haven't heard that much of over the past six or so years, so take a listen:

Former U.S. president Donald Trump's social media app launched February 21st, as he seeks a new digital stage to rally his supporters and fight Big Tech limits on speech a year after he was banned on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. His Truth Social app was offered for download from the Apple App Store to a limited number of subscribers who had preordered. Others on a waiting list were to be given access over the next ten days. Trump is hoping the app will attract the millions who followed him on Twitter as he hints at a third presidential run.

Ah, that's quite sad, isn't it? Not sad that all his social media accounts got banned, because, while that would be quite tragic for most people, he repeatedly went against community guidelines – mostly by deliberately spreading misinformation and inciting violence – and the only reason he wasn't banned much sooner than he eventually was is because he was president; no, what's sad is that he's still going to extreme lengths to mislead the public and create further animosity. Definitely quite sad indeed.

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