

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 502

Hello! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Let's see what happened when the children met their grandmother.

We met grandma at the front door. She was wearing an enormous yellow and black bumblebee hat. Her bright green dress was covered with huge orange and blue flowers. She wore purple stockings and red shoes. She looked like a bright flower garden with legs!

She is a very fun grandma, isn't she? Alright, this is it for today. See you next time! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 502

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

Today, we will be discussing if a good government is one that is able to make unpopular decisions. Let's begin!

At the core, governments are decision-makers. They have to make decisions which would directly influence their citizens, and a good government is one that is revered by its citizens for the contribution it makes to its people. Undeniably, unpopular decisions that are beneficial to the future of the country may sometimes be necessary. However, in light of current political trends most countries adopt, it has become more difficult to make unpopular decisions. Nevertheless, some popular decisions made by ignorant or unscrupulous governments may be detrimental to the country. As such, I agree that a good government needs to be able to bite the bullet and make unpopular decisions that are crucial for the country's survival.

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 502

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have some more news here relating to the natural world, and it involves a beast that I think you're all very familiar with. Take a listen to this:

Australia on February 11th listed koalas, along with much of its east coast, as endangered after the native marsupials' habitats were hit by prolonged drought, bushfires, and developers cutting down trees. Scientists and academics have been warning that the iconic Australian mammal could become extinct unless the government immediately intervened to protect them and their habitats. Koalas in the states of New South Wales, Queensland, and the Australian Capital Territory will be listed as endangered.

Ah, so there you go! Koalas now officially – partially – endangered, and potentially run the risk of becoming extinct. I think this is gonna be pretty surprising news to a lot of people, because we all imagine koalas as being quite common throughout Australia, due to the image that's been conjured throughout various Australia Tourism campaigns and other children's books, perhaps, so... hmm, it's quite concerning news!

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