

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 503

Hello, everyone! How are you?

Welcome back to PR Junior!

Hi! Do you know a good café near here?

Yes! Why don't you go to Tomas Coffee Shop? The cake there is really good.

That's nice! What cake did you eat there?

I had a piece of strawberry cake, two pieces of cheesecake, three pieces of apple pie, and four pieces of chocolate cake.

Wow! You are a very big eater!

Well, I also had hot chocolate with some marshmallows.

Ooh...

That's all for today. I'll see you later!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 503**

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I will tell you more of the story, *The Frog Prince*. Let's get right into it.

"He would die without water. So, I don't have to keep my promise," she thought.

The frog dove for a brief moment and got the sculpture. Then the princess ran away with it.

Later, the frog went to the palace. The king told her to keep her promise. This put the princess in a bad mood. She had no choice but to let the frog sleep on her pillow. In the morning, she gave him a kiss.

So, that would be it for today. We will continue in the next video, so don't forget to come back for more. Great job today, and see you next time. Bye-bye!

** This is the second part of the *Frog Prince* story. The third and final part was uploaded last week (video No. 497) by mistake, so the order got mixed up. Oops! Sorry!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 503

Hello! Welcome to PR2.

Today's movie is about water problems in California. Let's get started!

One reason for our water problems is that we build great cities to hold our people in places where there is not enough water to supply them. Southern California is a textbook example. There is a certain amount of water that is locally available for the city of Los Angeles, which is enough for about four million people, but is hopelessly inadequate now that the area has exploded to contain fourteen million people. That is why Los Angeles has already reached out its aqueducts to suck into itself almost everything that flows in its own state and nearby ones.

Everybody criticizes Los Angeles sharply, but in this case it and the other California cities are by no means the only offenders in that state. California's farmers are actually worse. In all, California's agriculture uses about 85% of the state's water. That might seem fair enough, since farmers must grow crops so that people can eat, but a huge amount of that precious water is wasted on such foolish acts as irrigating pastureland for dairy cattle. It is astonishing that watering grass for pasture swallows more water every year than the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco combined!

Alright, this is it for today's movie. See you next time. Bye-bye!