

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 506

Hello! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Let's continue the birthday story!

Grandma laughed when Dad led her to the rocking chair.

"That chair is for old people. I don't want to sit down at my party", she said.

Mom brought her a glass of juice. "Hey, this glass is too small for a thirsty traveler! May I have a larger glass, please?"

This is it for today! Let's continue in the next movie. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 501

Hello, everyone! How are you?

Welcome back to PR1. Have you ever been to Europe before? Do you know the country called Andorra? This is an article about Andorra:

Andorra, one of the smallest countries in the world, is high in the mountains between France and Spain. The country covers only about 180 square miles. That is about half the size of New York City. About 75,000 people live in Andorra. High, rocky mountains surround Andorra. Until the 1930s, it was difficult to reach the country. Until that time, people in Andorra lived the same way they had for centuries. Most people in Andorra worked as farmers or as [cheffers??]. Things did not change quickly.

This is all for today. See you later!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 506

Hello!

I'm Giulia, and this is Ivo, and today's dialogue is about soccer!

And it's four o'clock... time now for "Book of the Day", our 3-minute introduction to a book that's coming into the bookstores this week. Ivo is in the studio with me. The book of the day is called *The World of Soccer* by Alison Stanley. It's called *The World of Soccer* because it's about how soccer became the world's favorite sport. The book starts with the story of where the game was first played, and how it started to spread all over the world in the late 19th century.

That is right, Giulia! One might think soccer started in England, but one of the surprising things I learned about this book was that a very early form of football was almost certainly already being played in Japan in the seventh century!

So, it's the Japanese who taught the world to play soccer?

Well, no. It's the English form of soccer that came to be played and watched all over the world.

All over the world except in the United States...?

Well, Giulia, that's another surprising thing I learned from the book. It's true that the US media don't pay much attention to soccer, but it turns out many immigrants from countries with a strong soccer tradition, such as Mexico, are quite passionate about soccer.

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