

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 508

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part twenty-eight of the story about the fieldtrip. Let's begin!

At the end of the week, there was a party. Mrs. Benson played her guitar and everyone sang songs. Mrs. West came. She told the children stories about some of the animals she had looked after.

"But you have the best story to tell," she said. "It isn't every school trip that becomes famous!"

That is all for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 508

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

Today, I will be talking about foreign aid. Let's begin:

China spends 38 billion dollars in development aid; the United States 31.08 billion dollars. And the entire OECD's development assistance committee members' total budget for development aid reached 142 billion in 2017. At first glance, foreign aid seems constructive and helpful – a sign of goodwill by more developed countries towards developing ones, as part of a world trying to move towards equality. However, foreign aid has also been criticized for not helping to solve long-term problems. Ultimately, while the resources from foreign aid are undeniably valuable, there are many other factors which have led to its failure to do so, including the way they are utilized and managed by countries of destination, as well as the intent and pattern of giving from the countries of origin.

That is it for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 508

Hello! Welcome to PR2!

Today's movie is about training dogs, or better said, training dog owners! Let's begin.

Sara got her start training dogs and soon realized she was really training their owners. "I would teach people about reacting consistently to what their dogs did so that good behavior was rewarded and bad behavior punished. And I thought to myself, 'it's not the dogs that are being inconsistent here, it's the people.'"

Sara sees all kinds. "You have the kind who say 'isn't that cute', when the puppy grabs their socks out of their hand and then get upset when the puppy goes for the socks, the shoes, the couch. You have the couples where one takes the strict approach and the other tries to cover up when the dog does something wrong.

"What dogs want," says Sara, "is your love, attention, and treats. If you make it perfectly clear and consistent what it will take to get that reaction, your dog will behave because of self-interest. But it is also a matter of your self-interest. If you are too lazy to be consistent with your dog, or if you really don't care what happens to your socks and shoes, then your lack of interest will come across."

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