

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 509

Hello, everyone!

Today, I will be talking about Sam's music lesson. This is part nine of the story. Let's begin.

"Laaa," sang Sam. And the note was very flat. It was very flat and very loud.

He opened his mouth wider. "LAA," sang Sam.

Then, he opened his mouth as wide as it could go. "LAAAA!" sang Sam.

And he fell off the mat. SPLAT! The class giggled. The parents laughed. And Sam laughed the loudest of all.

That is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 509

Hello there! Welcome back to PR1.

When roads were built from France and Spain to Andorra in the 1930s, life became faster. Tourists began to visit the small country. These tourists brought in a lot of money to spend while visiting. Many people in Andorra found new jobs in shops or hotels. These changes helped to keep young people in Andorra. There were many more jobs than before the roads were built. Today, tourists bring in 80 to 90 percent of Andorra's income. More than a million people visit each year. They come to see the mountains covered with rocks. They enjoy the quiet way of life. Most people are also interested in the ancient buildings. There are many shops for tourists to look in – clothes, watches, wines, and other things are sold at low prices in Andorra. Import fees are low so tourists enjoy shopping.

This is all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 509

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I am going to read you a text about a conflict that arose between a lord and some farmers. Let's begin!

A wealthy lord was renovating his mansion. He had added another story to his home with large windows that overlooked the farmer's pastures on the eastern border of his land. Around the mansion, he then erected a great wall. He built an arch for the gate out of huge slabs of stone. The lord was overjoyed with the addition to his home.

However, one day while he was sitting on the terrace, some farmers knocked at his door. He invited them in. Despite his hospitality, the farmers appeared to be in a foul mood.

"Why are you so upset?" the lord asked.

One farmer replied, "That is actually the reason for our visit." He then handed the lord a petition. It alleged that the shadow cast by the mansion was harming their pastures. "Your mansion now casts a shadow over several hectares* of our land," the farmer explained. "The turf in the shadow has died, and our cattle now have less grass to eat."

Come back next time to find out what the lord replied. For now, that was all for today. See you!

* Pronounced "hec-tairs"