

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 514

Hello everyone! This is PR Jr. Are you ready? Let's start.

Peter is 12 years old. Last year, he moved to Kobe from New York with his family. Peter couldn't speak Japanese, so he didn't have any friends at school. One day, one of Peter's classmates, Kenta, asked him, 'what do you usually do afterschool?'

Peter answered, 'I often play video games at home.'

Kenta said, 'I am in the Judo club. Do you want to join us?'

'Yes!' said Peter. He became very good at Judo and had a lot of fun.

That's all for today. Bye, bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 514

Hi! Welcome back to PR1.

This is the last part of the article about the country called Andorra. Listen to this.

Most of the business in Andorra are owned by the people there. There are not many foreign businesses. Some people still farm and keep sheep, but most are now involved with the tourist business. Andorra has an unusual system – it is based on the ancient laws and rules.

The country is controlled a Spanish bishop and the President of France. They are called the princes of Andorra. They have equal power and must agree before any change is made in Andorra. They are payed for their services in the same way as before. Every two years, the Bishop of Spain receives 6 hams, 6 cheeses, 12 hens and \$8. The president of France is paid \$2 every two years.

This is all for today. I'll see you later.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 514

Hello! Welcome to PR2!

Today's text is about a personal account of the rise of science journalism. Let's begin!

During my lifetime, a new profession has arisen: that of science journalism. Today, the public learn about science, not in the main from scientists, but from science writers and from producers of radio and television programs. It was not so fifty years ago. I was taught no science at school, but by the time I was eighteen, I had given myself an admirable grounding in science by Jeans, Eddington, Halden, Einstein, among others. All these men were writing science for the general public, and all were scientists. For any child trying to do the same job today, the science would be filtered through the minds of this new profession. What kind of job are they doing?

First, there are two reasons why the emergence of the new profession has been inevitable. One is that science has become too important to be left to scientists. The impact of science on the way we live, and on the ways in which we may die, is now so widely felt that it cannot be left solely in the hands of scientists. The second reason is television. A working scientist can write a newspaper article in his spare time, but not a television program.

Alright, this is it for today! Let me know in class what you think about science journalism! See you next time. Bye, bye!