

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 520

Hi! Welcome back to PR junior.

I'd like four [of the] katsu curry.

Sorry, it's not on the menu.

But you have curry and rice, right? What kind of curry do you have?

Pork or beef.

And you have tonkatsu. Can I have pork curry, and can I have tonkatsu with that?

Of course. I'll bring them at once. Do you need anything else?

Can I also have green tea, potato salad, and pudding?

Sure!

And fried chicken, spaghetti, [a] hamburger, and beef curry, please.

That's all for PR junior. See you later!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 520

Hello everyone! Welcome to PR 1.

Today, we will be discussing if failure is an essential part of success. Let's begin.

Robert T. Kiyosaki, famous inspirational speaker and successful businessman, once said that "failure is part of the process of success. People who avoid failure, also avoid success." In today's society where everyone wants to be a winner, the notion of failure being an essential part of success, needs particular reemphasis, precisely because it sounds so counterintuitive. Today, it seems that nobody wants to fail, but everyone wants to succeed. But we have to recognize that failure is so important to success, because it not only helps one to develop skills necessary for success, but also makes success more meaningful to the person who has attained it.

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 520

Hello! Welcome to PR 2.

Today's text is about research in the Arctic. Let's get started.

According to the recent research, the Arctic has warmed remarkably in the past two decades. The ocean's ice cover has thinned by an average of four feet, some 40 percent since the 1960s, and the ice's margin has receded 20 percent farther into the Arctic. Given that the polls are widely seen as indicators of global climate change, this all looks very dramatic. But it may be just another imaginary monster hiding behind the blank spots of our knowledge. Perhaps the water regularly warms and cools, and the ice regularly thins and thickens as atmospheric pressures and water currents change. There's evidence to suggest that, but it's not conclusive. If the Arctic continues to warm, consequences could be grave. Some scientists think that there's a chance, remote, but conceivable, that the ocean's summer ice cover could completely melt at some point in the coming decades. "The absence of ice in the Arctic would completely change climate patterns for the northern hemisphere," says Richard Clarke, a marine scientist. In computer modeling, if you take off the ice, even the circulation of the ocean reverses. This sounds like a very scary scenario, doesn't it?

Let's stop here and finish this text in the next video. See you next time. Bye-bye!