

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 521**

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today, I will be telling you a story about Mark and his aunt. This is part two of the story.

Let's begin.

Everyone had something to do – everyone except him.

"Hmm," said Mark. "What do I do around here?"

Sometimes he baked snacks. But, he wondered if everyone liked them.

"Does anyone need me to do anything?" Mark asked.

No one answered. Just then, the doorbell rang.

That is it for today. See you!

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Hi! Welcome back!

This is the second part of *The Long, Long Ride*. Let's get started!

Then, dad drove along the street where grandma lived, but he didn't stop to let Sarah get out. He drove right past grandma's house, whistling happily to himself. He had forgotten all about Sarah!

Sarah called him, "Dad, what about me? Stop! There's grandma's house!"

But he was whistling too loud to hear her little voice.

Sarah called again: "Dad, I need to go to Grandma's house today. Please take me back!"

But a fire truck zoomed past with its siren screaming, so, again, Dad didn't hear Sarah talking!

Poor little Sarah! What do you think will happen to her? Let's find out later. Bye-bye!

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Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have an article here that doesn't relate to any major world events occurring right now, or any other serious, ongoing global issues, at least not those at the forefront of most scientific or political discussions, but it does relate to animals – and, specifically, reptiles – so take a listen to this:

A man who tried to slither pa-... slither past U.S. border agents in California had 52 lizards and snakes hidden in his clothing, authorities said Marc 8<sup>th</sup>. The man was driving a truck when he arrived at the San Ysidro border crossing with Mexico on February 25<sup>th</sup> and was pulled out for additional inspection, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement. Agents found 52 live reptiles tied up in small bags, "which were concealed in the man's jacket, pockets, and pants." Nine snakes and 43 horned lizards were seized. Some of the species are considered endangered, authorities said.

Huh! Well, there you go! It does seem like a fairly amusing story, but the smuggling or "trafficking" of endangered animals is quite a serious issue. And it also relates to the topic of exotic pets, which I'm not a big fan of. I think that any wild animal, endangered or not, shouldn't be kept as a pet, regardless of how cute it is.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.