

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 529

Hi! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Did you hear the good news?

No, I [didn't].

I got accepted by a school!

Did you really?

Seriously! I'm so excited!

Well, congratulations!

Thank you!

I'm so happy for you!

Really?

Yes! You really deserved this.

You think so?

Of course! So, which school were you accepted by?

It's Inter-Tomas Driving School!

Ahh. Good for you...

That's all for today. See you later!

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Hello! This part four of *The Long, Long Ride*.

Let's find out if Sarah ended up going to work with her dad by accident!

After Dad parked the car at his office, he reached into the back seat for his umbrella. He got a big surprise to see his little girl sitting quietly in the back seat.

"Sarah, what are you doing here?" he asked.

"You forgot to stop at grandma's house to let me out," said Sarah sadly. "You drove right by!"

"But why didn't you call me out?" asked Dad.

"I tried to tell you," said Sarah. "But you couldn't hear me."

Alright, this is it for today. Let's finish the story in the next movie. See you later! Bye-bye!

Hello, Everyone! Welcome back to PR 2.

Today, I have a text about rethinking the future. Take a listen:

When is the future no longer the future? Only a decade ago, air travel seemed to be moving continually towards giant planes, or “superjumbos”. But last year Airbus announced it would cease manufacturing its 380, the world’s fattest passenger jet, as current trends favour smaller and more fuel-efficient airplanes. Progress changed course. A more vivid reminder of lost dreams came almost a year ago: the 2nd of March marked the 50th anniversary of the first flights of the supersonic Concorde. Once upon a time, all airplanes were going to be supersonic. But sometimes, the future is cancelled.

What if what we think is going to be the future right now is cancelled in its turn? We are supposedly on an unstoppable path towards driverless vehicles, fully automated internet-connected “smart homes”, and godlike artificial intelligence – but, then, we’ve been promised flying cars for half a century, and they are supposedly just around the corner. We live in a time when technological change is portrayed as [an] inevitable, impersonal force: we’d better learn how to surf the tsunami or drown. But as a society, we always have a choice about which direction we take next. And sometimes we make the wrong decision.

That’s all for today. I’ll see you in class. Bye-bye!