

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 539

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

As you can see behind me, it is raining pretty heavily right now. I'm disappointed because I prefer sunny, warm weather, and I thought we would be getting more days like that because it's spring. And yet, recently, it has been raining like this on and off. I think that's pretty common at this time of year, though, because in England we call it "April Showers".

Do you like regular rain showers? Or do you want a string of sunny days like me?

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 539

Hi there! How's it going today? Welcome back to PR 1.

This is the next part of the article about monkeys:

The teacher wanted to watch the monkey. He wanted to find out how long it was going to take the monkey to find the food. The teacher left the room. He waited a few minutes outside the door. Then, he carefully put his eye to a hole in the door. What did he see? Can you imagine? The teacher was very surprised. He found that he was looking straight into the eye of the monkey! The monkey was on the other side of the door and was looking at the teacher through the same hole.

It's very surprising because I've heard that chimpanzees were the smartest.

I'll see you later!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 539

Hello, Everyone! Welcome back to PR 2.

Today, I have a text about student hunger. Take a listen.

Rebecca was a graduate student at the School of Public Health at her university when an assignment required her to come up with a solution for a community nutrition problem. The exercise was intended to give students some practice doing professional tasks, including assessing people's needs and budgets. But after deciding to research nutrition on campus, Rebecca's project took a real-life turn when she discovered a growing, but still largely hidden, problem. Many students are eating non-nutritious foods because that's all they can afford. Others are eating little or nothing because they don't have enough money to buy food at all.

Student hunger has for years been an increasingly-troubling issue on college campuses across the US. Researchers continually release studies trying to appreciate its scope, including a comprehensive 2018 university survey, which reported that 36% of students at 66 surveyed US universities and colleges didn't have enough to eat. Rebecca was alerted [to] her university's hunger problem when, during her initial research, she read her university's 2015 survey and found that 17.5% of undergraduates were "food insecure", meaning that they worried about running out of food before they could afford more. Ten percent reported that they had run out of food at some point in the past 12 months.

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