

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 548

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today, I will be telling you a story about Mark and his aunts. This is part eight of the story. Let's begin.

Mark went out to the garden. He wasn't sure how much more being needed he could take. Then he felt something. A snowflake! "The first snowfall!" he said. The very next day, Mark said goodbye to Aunt Pat, Aunt Dot, and Aunt Flow.

This is it for today. See you!

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Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, Ali's dream to see the flight deck of an airplane came true! Let's see what happens next...

Ali and his dad met the captain.

"We're flying on auto-pilot," said the captain. "The plane is flying by itself."

Ali looked at all the controls. "I'd like to be a pilot," he said.

"It takes a long time to learn," said the captain. "But what's to stop you?"

After Ali got home, he went to play at Biff and Chip's house. Aneesa was already there. Ali told everyone about his holiday. "I went on to the flight deck of the airplane," he said.

"I'd love to be a pilot," said Aneesa.

Mum called Biff and Chip. They had to go downstairs. Aneesa picked up the magic key. Suddenly it began to [glow]. It took Ali and Aneesa on an adventure.

That's it for today. Come back to the next video for (the) part [three]. See you later!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 548

Hello, Everyone! Welcome back to PR 2.

Today, I have the last part of the text about student hunger. Take a listen.

Why student hunger is escalating on college campuses is not fully understood, but many advocates believe the problem is more widespread than the data shows. Rising college costs and insufficient financial aid are usually to blame. But analyzing the problem, experts say, requires a closer look. Low-income student enrollments has increased in recent years, as many colleges and universities have expanded need-based scholarship and grants programs. The additional funds are believed to have helped boost four-year graduation rates for low-income students from 31% in 2009 to 60% in 2017.

But that additional support is often not enough to cover students' expenses. As a result, those students experience food insecurity the most. "The university tries to help as much as possible, but we know some students are skipping meals or not eating at all, and that has a major impact on their academic performance," says the Dean of Undergraduate Education.

While the nutritious U Pantry is helping reduce hunger, it is not a solution to a larger problem, which will take commitment and creative collaboration from many different angles. Currently, the Dean is working with the university to bring in more needs-based money so students can ideally, get by without having to work too many hours or take out loans.

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