

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 550**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part nine of the story about the Litter King. Let's begin!

Lora's mum looked at Freddie's paw.

"It looks as if he's cut it," she said.

Will found a broken bottle.

"He must have cut it on this," he said.

Lora's mum was angry. "It's so dangerous to leave broken bottles lying about," she said.

That is all for today. See you next time!

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 550**

Hi guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Today I will explain the last part of the voluntarism. Let's begin!

A volunteer holiday is for people who want to make a difference in the world and are prepared to give up their own time, money and effort to do it. Volunteers have to be realistic, though, and understand that they cannot change the world in two or three weeks. To some volunteers, it seems that they are not doing much by helping out for only a couple of weeks but, in fact, every bit of help counts. Thanks to young volunteers, the lives of millions of people around the world are improving and in their eyes, the sun is probably shining brighter than it used to.

That's all for today! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 550

Hello! Welcome back to PR2!

Today's movie is about the rise of English! Let's get started.

The rise of English is a remarkable success story. When Julius Caesar landed in Britain over two thousand years ago, English did not exist. Five hundred years later, Old English, incomprehensible to modern ears, was probably spoken by relatively few people with little influence. Nearly a thousand years later, at the end of the sixteenth century, when William Shakespeare was in his prime, English was the native language of between five and seven million English people.

Four hundred years later, the contrast is extraordinary. Between the seventeenth century and the present, the speakers of English, including Scots, Irish, Welsh, American, and many more, traveled into every corner of the globe, carrying their language and culture with them. Today, English is used by at least seven hundred million people, and barely half of those speak it as a mother tongue. Some estimates have put that figure closer to one billion. Whatever the total, English is more widely scattered, more widely spoken and written, than any other language has ever been. About three-hundred-and-fifty million people use English as their mother tongue. They are scattered across every continent and surpassed, in numbers, only by the speakers of the many varieties of Chinese.

Alright, that's all for today. Let's continue in the next movie. Bye-bye!