

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 562

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Last time, I told you about one of my favourite places in Tokyo – a nice grassy area where you can enjoy nice weather. But it is actually closed at the moment! You can still go to that park, but you can't go on the actual grass, which is the only reason I like it! They close it off to protect the grass, which I understand, but if you can't enjoy that lawn, why have it? It's a little disappointing... but never mind.

See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 562

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, I'm going to read a short text about Kayley and her dad playing chess. Let's begin!

Kayley looked at the chessboard eagerly. She knew she would win this game against her dad, using some new methods from the Internet.

First, Kayley moved her pawns forward to form a solid line. Next, she moved her knights just behind the pawns. After that, she moved her knights over the line of pawns. She was attacking now, taking her dad's pawns, one of his bishops, and a rook.

But then the game started to change. Her dad took her knights and moved his bishops and queen forward. With them, he took away her pawns. Kayley watched in panic as her dad took her best pieces from the board. Her attack plan failed!

After the game, her dad said, "Kayley, if you are going to look for methods from the Internet, remember to find defensive ones too!"

Thank you for listening! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 562

Hello, Everyone! Welcome back to PR 2.

Today, I have the fourth part of Sven Hedin's journey into the Mankiller desert. Take a listen:

The next day brought another endless walk through the scorching heat. Hedin kept scanning their horizon, but he saw no sign of the Khotan River. One of the men became convinced that evil spirits had led them in the wrong direction. All of them were growing anxious. They were no longer sure they would leave the desert alive. Later that day they couldn't stand the thirst any longer. They decided to drink some strong Chinese brandy, which they had been using to fuel their stove. The strong drink made them all sick.

By May 3rd most of the camels were dead, and Yollchi had disappeared. Somewhere on the long, hot march he had fallen behind and now he had completely dropped out of sight. Neither Hedin nor others had the strength to turn back for him. That same day, Islam Bai collapsed. He was too weak to walk. Hedin was heartbroken, but he had no choice. He left Islam Bai with the last camel and a few provisions. Then he and his remaining servant, Kasim, stumbled on alone.

Finally, on May 5th, Hedin glimpsed trees in the distance. That meant there was water up ahead. Leaving Kasim to rest, Hedin dragged himself through the blazing sun toward the trees.

Well, that's all for today, and come back next time for the continuation of this story.