

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 576

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have the last part of the story about the two mice. Take a listen:

When all was quiet, they came out again. But someone else came in, and off they scuttled again.

"Good bye," said the country mouse, "I'm off. You live in luxury, but you are surrounded by dangers, whereas at home I can enjoy my simple dinner of roots and corn in peace."

It seems that safety is the most important [thing] for this mouse. Well, that's all for today. Bye-bye!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 576

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, I am going to read you an e-mail which Landon wrote to Alyssa. Let's begin!

Hello, Alyssa!

I'm also 14 years old. I live in Thailand. I have a younger sister, but I don't have any brothers. I'm an active person, too. I like going for bike rides in winter, but I like summer more. I swim and play soccer during the summer.

I like swimming because it keeps me healthy and fit. I go to the beach twice a week with my friends. I'm also on a soccer team. We're called the Tigers. We usually play on weekends.

So that's all about me! I hope you write back soon.

If you were Alyssa, how would you reply to this e-mail? Try to think of a response and maybe you can share it with me during our next class! Anyways, that is all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 576

Hello! Welcome back to PR 2.

Today's movie is about terrorism. Take a listen:

Terrorism upsets people. It does so deliberately. That is its point, and that is why it has held so much of our attention in the early years of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Insecurity can take many forms, but nothing else plays quite so sharply on your sense of weakness. After 9/11\*, we found ourselves in an apparently permanent state of emergency, a “war against terror,” whose consequences are as inscrutable as terrorism itself. Terrorism is never easy to understand, least of all immediately after a terrorist attack. When society feels under threat, attempts at rational analysis are often openly resisted as giving aid and comfort to, or even sympathizing with, the enemy. Yet without such analysis, combatting terrorism seems a confusing contest against an indefinite threat. Although terrorism can sometimes look rational, more often it seems to go off the chart of “common sense” – to be not only unjustifiable, but brutal and mad.

Something about terrorism makes its threat grow far beyond its actual physical scale. Images of terrorism, in newspaper comics or on the covers of the numerous books on the subject published over the last generations, typically set giant weapons against small targets.

Alright, that's all for today. See you later!

\* Pronounced: nine-eleven