

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 578

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

It has been really hot recently, hasn't it? Maybe too hot!

It usually gets pretty hot in the summer in Japan, but I think last week was the hottest week ever for this time of year! Were you okay? Did you survive the heat? What kinds of things did you do to keep cool? I hope you were drinking lots and lots of water! It's very important to stay hydrated, isn't it?

Take care, okay, guys? See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 578

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, I have a news article about a recent incident at the Louvre. Take a listen.

A man disguised himself as an elderly woman in a wheelchair; then he threw cake at the Mona Lisa, Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting at the Louvre in Paris, France.

People saw him throwing roses, and then, he came to the room with Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of Mona Lisa. The man stood up, and he started to punch the painting. Luckily, the painting was protected by special glass.

The man then threw cake on the painting, which shocked everyone around him. Security took only a minute to lead the man away. The man shouted that people didn't care about our planet enough.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 578

Hello! Welcome back to PR2!

Today's movie is about stress. Let's get started!

Listening to a gardening program the other day, I was struck by something the expert said about a particular type of potted plant. "Do not water it once it has come into bud," he advised. "Cause it to feel stress, and it will produce more, and more beautiful, flowers." Surely this advice is against everything we are told by doctors. Stress is bad for us, they say. Stress is the cause of all sorts of diseases. Stress caused by overwork sometimes results in early death. Newspaper and magazine articles tell us how to reduce stress, or how to avoid it altogether. No one has a good word for stress.

And yet, I asked myself: if stress is good for plants, can there possibly be any value for us in it? The longer I thought about it, the more it seemed to me that there is. Without a certain degree of tension and stress, we are apt to become lazy and neglect our duties. All students know that they should study regularly throughout the year, and then be able to face examinations without fear. In fact, most students leave this study till the last possible moment, and then hastily* try to make up for lost time.

Alright, let's finish the text in the next movie! Bye-bye!