

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 616

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, you are going to listen to a story about Sara and Mike. Let's begin.

Every day, Sara studies in her room after dinner. When she studies, she sometimes looks out her window. She can often see her neighbor Mike in his bedroom. Mike and Sara are both 14. Every weekend, Mike plays the guitar in his room. Sara listens to him. He's very good. Sara sometimes sings when he plays the guitar. Next month, Mike and Sara will be in a school concert together. Her teacher asked her, "When did you start singing with Mike?" She smiled at Mike. "It's our secret," she said.

That's all for today, bye-bye!

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Hello again! This is Part Three of our story on Kyoko and Jennifer. Let's begin.

The only thing she could do was to say thank you in a small voice. She looked at Jennifer. Jennifer said welcome and thank you in a cheerful voice. Kyoko was sad because she couldn't do better as a salesperson. They were busy all the time. They were very tired at the end of that day. On the second day, two women came into the bakery. They were talking in English. One of them asked Kyoko, "What did you put in these rolls?" She knew the answers, but she couldn't express them in English. Jennifer helped her. Jennifer smiled at the women and explained in English what the rolls were. The women bought two. Kyoko became sad again.

Alright, that's the end of Part Three. What will happen next? Tune in again next time to find out! Bye!

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Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I have a news story here that's very relevant to my personal interests and... well, take a listen to this:

Nikon Corporation has in recent years halted development of single-lens reflex cameras as the Japanese camera maker shifts its focus to mirrorless cameras, which are lighter than SLR types, company sources said July 12th. Nikon, which began selling SLR cameras in 1959, once captured a large share of the camera market worldwide. The decision to suspend the development of new SLR cameras came as small mirrorless cameras have dominated the digital camera market. The company will continue sales of existing products and customer support services, the sources said, adding that Nikon may resume the development of SLR cameras in the future.

Ah, yes, I heard about this a little while ago and, while significant, it might not be all that surprising because, although Nikon has always made good and reliable DSLRs, mirrorless does seem to be the way to go in digital photography. And that's why my camera, as it happens, is a Nikon mirrorless camera. I also think they're a better option – for one thing, they're more compact and lightweight, which is always a plus.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.