

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 643

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part twenty-six of the story about the Litter King. Let's begin!

"I hate the magic key," said Charlie. "I don't like this adventure, and I wish it was over."

Suddenly, the airplane went out of control. It began to spin. It went round and round, getting faster and faster. Charlie's bag of litter burst open.

That is all for today. Come back next time to hear the rest of the story! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 643

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Do you guys like listening to classical music? While there are many instruments involved in classical music, harps play an important role [in] making the music richer. Today, we are going to learn about the musical instrument the harp. Let's begin.

[Harps have] existed for around five thousand years. There are paintings of [harps] in tombs in Ancient Egypt. It's an instrument used in many cultures around the world. To play, the harpist plucks the strings with their fingers. Thousands of years ago, harps were small and simple. They could be carried easily. However, in the Middle Ages, musicians wanted more strings on their harps.

That's all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 643

Hey, guys! Welcome back to PR2. Let's continue our discussion on eviction.

Material hardship assesses, say, whether families experience hunger or sickness because they can't afford food or medical care; or go without heat, electricity, or a phone because they can't afford those things. The year after eviction, families experience 20 percent higher levels of material hardship than similar families who were not evicted.

Then there is the damage eviction causes to a person's spirit. The violence of displacement can drive people to depression and, in extreme cases, suicide. One in two recently evicted mothers reports multiple syndromes of depression, double the rate of similar mothers who were not forced from their homes. Even after years pass, evicted mothers are less happy, energetic, and optimistic than their peers.

All this suffering is shameful and unnecessary. We have affirmed basic nutrition, twelve years of education, and a pension in old age to be the right of every citizen because we have recognized that human dignity depends on the fulfillment of these fundamental human needs. And it is hard to argue that housing is not a fundamental human need. Decent, affordable housing should be a basic right for everybody in this country. The reason is simple: without stable shelter, everything else falls apart.

Okay, everyone, that's all for our talk on eviction. I'll see you again next time. Bye-bye!