

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 647

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

Charlie was falling. He seemed to be falling for a very long time.

He was falling with the litter. There were cans and bottles and bags and wrappers. Everything was spinning round and round.

The magic key flew out of Charlie's pocket.

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. 647

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

Today, I will be reading about Kotaro's tests. Let's begin!

Kotaro belongs to the soccer club at his junior-high school and enjoys playing soccer with his friends every day after school. Last month, he had test for all of his classes but he did not do well. His mother got angry. She told him that he could not play soccer until he did better on his tests. The next day, Kotaro decided to study harder so that he could get better test scores. He started to wake up early every day. That way, he could study in the morning before his classes. A month later, he got the highest test scores in his classes.

This is it for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 647

Hello! Welcome to PR2! Today we will talk about the Halloween!

Many different cultures have had traditions about the dead. People in places like Ireland, China, Egypt, and Mexico believed that souls needed food. People had to put out good things for souls to eat. However, if the food rotted or spoiled, the soul got mad. The wicked soul might curse the family and make them starve during the winter. In other places, people begged for food on a holiday that remembers the souls of dead saints. People wore disguises with hoods that covered their faces. If they did not get their food, they played a trick on the home. For this reason, this activity is known as "trick-or-treating." Shortly after people first began trick-or-treating, parents started sending their children to beg on that day.

Housewives gave the children food if they performed a song or a dance. When people moved to America from all over the world, they brought this tradition with them. Inhabitants of villages started trick-or-treating in the early 1900s. In 1939 a children's publication acquainted the whole country with the tradition. It became very popular. Today, trick-or-treaters are not begging for food, and they are not scared of souls. They just enjoy the thrill of dressing up like creatures and getting candy. Ghosts and skeletons are favorite costumes. But some children wear fancy disguises, like pirates. They carry flashlights instead of fires. In some places, children still perform songs or riddles to get candy. But most of the time, they just say "Trick-or-Treat!"

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