

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 659

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

What are you going to do this weekend? Today, we are going to talk about plans for the weekend. Take a listen:

Kaho: I'm going to go skiing with my family this weekend.

Yerin: Do you go often?

K: No, this will be my first time. But my brother goes often.

Y: Have a nice time!

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

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 659

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

I am going to read a text about a jackal and a sun child. Let's begin!

A jackal is a wild dog with a black back. It resides in the desert. But how did the jackal get his black back? This is how it happened.

One day, the jackal saw a girl. She was sitting upon a rock. She was not a normal child. She was a rare and beautiful sun child. She was bright and warm like the sun. The child saw the jackal and smiled.

She said, "Jackal, I have been relaxing on this rock for too long. I must get home soon. But, I am slow and you are fast. You will likely get me home more quickly." Then she requested, "Will you carry me home? If you do, I'll give you a gift. This necklace belongs to me, but I will give it to you."

That was all for today! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 659

Hello! Welcome to PR2.

Today we are going to listen to the story about multinational corporations and globalization. Let's get started.

Among the major forces driving economic globalization today are multinational corporations. These includes such giant automakers as GM, Toyota, and Hyundai, and such high-tech companies as Apple, Microsoft, and Sony. Using a globalized business model, huge multinational corporations maintain home offices in developed countries, while they venture increasingly into host capital, natural resources, labor, and products. Powerful multinational corporations exert so much influence that they dominate entire markets worldwide and are sometimes accused of engaging in economic and cultural imperialism. Giant multinationals often exploit the natural resources and the labor forces in host countries and may drive long-established local firms out of business through unfair competition. When multinationals introduce modern methods of manufacturing and sales, they may undermine the traditional ways of life of the local people who work in the companies' plants or buy the finished products. Nevertheless, multinational corporations affect their host countries in several positive ways. They employ local workers, at wages that are much lower than those in the developed world but which are often much higher than the average wages in host countries.

That was all for today. See you next time. Bye-bye!