

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 662

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

"Let's do a litter project," Charlie said.

The children in Mr. Jameson's class picked up all the litter around the school. Then they made posters and wrote stories.

Mr. Jameson put the project in the "Save our Countryside" competition.

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. 662

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, we will look at a short conversation. Let's start.

Kay: That quiz was really hard. I hope I at least passed it. I know that I didn't get a good grade on it.

Faland: Oh, no! What happened?

Kay: I didn't expect a quiz so soon; class has only been going on for a week.

Faland: You're right, but Professor Parker said on the first day that she would give us a surprise quiz.

Kay: Yeah, I know. I guess I'll have to study every night so that I'm prepared for it next time.

Faland: That's what I'm doing. You should join me in the library to do the same. I'm sure you'd be ready for anything the professor gives us after that.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 662

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I have another news story here that's actually quite positive for a change. I mean, the basis of the story is steeped in negativity, I guess, but the news itself is quite positive, I think. Take a listen:

Yvon Chouinard, the billionaire founder of the outdoor apparel brand Patagonia, said on September 14th he is giving away the company to a trust that will use its profits to fight the climate crisis. Instead of selling the company or taking it public, Chouinard, who became famous for alpine climbs in Yosemite National Park and has a net worth of 1.2 billion dollars, is transferring his family's ownership of the company to a trust and a nonprofit organization.

"Each year, the money we make after reinvesting in the business will be distributed as a dividend to help fight the crisis," he wrote in an open letter on the company's website on September 14th.

Ah, wow. I've always known that Patagonia is a pretty decent and honorable brand – at least as far as brands and corporations go. But this is really quite an impressive move from Mr Chouinard and pretty much an unprecedented one. I mean, you've got other company founders willing to pay twelve times the Patagonia founder's net worth just so they can freely express themselves on an international social media platform. So, by comparison, this is pretty incredible. Good for you, Patagonia!

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