

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 667**

Hi! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, we will look at some short daily conversations. Let's begin!

Kay: It's Kaho's birthday next week.

Yerin: Oh really? We should do something for her.

Kay: Yes, we should. Let's buy her a cake. Do you know what [kind of] cake Kaho likes?

Yerin: I think she likes cheesecake. Should we bake it?

Kay: That's a good idea. Let's do that!

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

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 667**

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR1!

Today, you will listen to a story about pumpkin soup. Let's begin!

Lisa loves soup. She always has a cup of soup for breakfast. Sometimes she has two cups! There are many kinds of soup at the supermarket that Lisa goes to. Some of them are quite expensive. However, Lisa likes to try them all. She does not mind spending a lot of money on soup every month. One day, Lisa's best friend Racheal said that she would teach Lisa how to make soup from pumpkins. At first, Lisa was worried that it might be too difficult for her. However, Racheal showed Lisa all the things that she needed to do. It was not hard at all! In fact, making pumpkin soup was a lot of fun. The soup also tasted much better than the pumpkin soup from the supermarket. Lisa decided that she would like to try making other [types] of soup in the future.

That's all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 667

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2!

Today, you'll hear about a study on reading books. Now, take a listen to this:

A recent study reported in The New York Times determined that people who read books live an average of two years longer than non-readers. Indeed, the lives of readers are likely to be not only longer, but deeper. Reading can help develop the ability to understand other people's feelings and build a capacity for more joy and love. Americans' current engagement in reading is somewhat difficult to evaluate. More than a decade ago, a report called "Reading at Risk" concluded that the percentage of adult Americans reading literature had dropped dramatically. But a survey in 2005 found the exact opposite. Almost half of all Americans were reading a book at the time of the survey – an increase over the 1990 rate and more than double the 1957 rate. More recently, a report in 2015 found that 80 percent of Americans between the ages of 16 and 29 had read a book in the past year and even showed that people in that age range were more likely than those over 30 to be book readers. As encouraging as some of the data may be, however, there are also clear causes for concern. [???] survey data collected in 2012 and 2014, the most recent available, showed that 17 percent of Americans between the ages of 16 and 65 read at or below the lowest level of the four levels of reading ability evaluated. Furthermore, the share of those lacking reading skills is higher among the population that is unemployed.

That's all for today. How was it? I hope it was interesting!

I'll see you guys next time.