

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 669

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

We are already into November, which means Halloween has already gone! Did you do anything special this year? Did you dress up in a costume? Did you go trick-or-treating around your neighbourhood? Did you bake some Halloween-themed snacks?

I didn't really celebrate Halloween this year. I sometimes like to dress up, and I like going to parties, but I think I was just too busy and too tired this year. Maybe Halloween is just for young people...

See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 669

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, you are going to listen to the first part of a text about a friendly ghost. Let's begin!

A nice woman lived by a large river. She loved children. She wanted to help them in any way. She loved her community and everyone in the community loved her. She lived a very long time and became very wise.

When she died, she became a ghost. She was dead, but every night she returned to her community. She wanted to help children and not to cause them fright. But she had a scary voice. Children were afraid of her, but the ghost was a good one. She only scared them to help them.

That was all for today! I'll see you in the next PR1 video! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 669

Hello! Welcome back to PR2!

Today's movie is about the drug for AIDS, a very serious disease. Let's get started.

If Yusuf Hamied came down with a grave illness requiring expensive medical treatment, he could afford it. Hamied controls the third largest pharmaceutical company in India and owns many properties.

But for millions of people, the opposite is the case, and 19 months ago Hamied did something remarkable for them. At a European Commission medical meeting in Brussels, he expressed the conviction that no companies should be allowed an oligopoly on life-saving drugs and then proceeded to destroy one of the most outrageous of them all by offering to sell anti-AIDS drugs at a small percentage of the going price. As a result, developing countries are starting to get the drug cocktail that has saved thousands of lives. "We have an epidemic on our hands," insists Hamied. "How can you justify selling something that costs \$200 at \$10,000?"

What Hamied did was to cut through the selfish arguments of Western drug companies that put shareholders' interests before the lives of millions. India's pharmaceutical companies, including Hamied's Cipla, have an advantage: it is legal in India to copy a medicine designed abroad and put it on the local market, as long as companies can prove that they use a different manufacturing process. But they can't export to countries with stricter patent laws.

Let's stop here and continue in the next movie. Bye-bye!