

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 670

Hello! Welcome to PR Junior.

This is the part eight [six] of the story *Baby Whale's Mistake*. Let's get started!

Baby whale kept diving and jumping near the ship. He splashed and waved his tail at all the sailors. Then, he swam back to the lifeboat, where one man was waving to try to get help. Another one was shining a torch, while the third man was flashing a mirror.

This is all for today. Let's continue in the next movie! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 670

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

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

Faland: Hi, Kay! How's your project coming?

Kay: Not as well as I'd hoped, Faland. Professor Tanaka wants us to paint in a style that I'm not so comfortable with.

Faland: Aren't you supposed to master a lot of different techniques in that class?

Kay: Yes, but I guess I'm not doing such a good job. I don't think my work is as good as the other students' in class.

Faland: In that case, why don't you discuss this problem with the professor? Otherwise, you might fall further behind.

Kay: You know, I think that's just what I'll do.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 670

Welcome back to PR2!

This is Part Three of our talk on marriage benefits. Let's dive right in.

In a marriage where one spouse is employed and the other is not, the spouse who remains at home receives the dependent benefit – through his/her spouse – without paying anything into the system at all. When both spouses are in the workforce, the dependent benefit is still available, but only one spouse can claim it. To receive the dependent benefit, however, the “dependent” spouse has to give up any Social Security benefits she has earned through her own earnings record. If there is a large enough gap between spouses' earnings, this choice makes sense: 50 percent of the higher-earning husband's benefit will amount to more than the individual benefit earned by many women. But this decision still leaves women having paid money into the system that has no effect on the benefits they receive. Alternatively, if both spouses apply for their individual benefits, they give up on the dependent benefit their marriage entitles them to. This is like a Social Security penalty for spouses who both work. Such spouses do not receive the full benefits to which they are entitled. To this day, therefore, Social Security rewards marriages where one spouse stays home.

Okay, that'll be all for today. See you again next time, bye!