

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 675

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I am going to tell you guys about Batman! Take a listen:

Batman is a superhero, but he has no superpowers. He uses his skills and many special gadgets, and is very clever. He wears a costume that makes him look like a bat. Batman has a friend who always helps him, but he has many enemies too...

Well, that's all for today. See you next time! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 675

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today you are going to listen to the story of Rapunzel: Part Two. Let's begin!

Once a year, on her birthday, Rapunzel saw sparkling lights floating into the sky. She wished she could leave the tower and see the lights up close. They seemed meant* for her.

One day, just before Rapunzel's eighteenth birthday, a thief named Flynn was running through the forest. He had stolen the lost princess's crown. While trying to get away from Felix, a determined horse from the royal guard, Flynn found Rapunzel's hidden tower.

Flynn climbed up the tower to hide. Rapunzel had never seen another person except for Mother Cruella. Rapunzel thought Flynn wanted her hair, but he didn't. Rapunzel showed Flynn a painting she had made of the lights and asked him to take her to see them. Flynn agreed.

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

* pronounced: "ment" like *bent*

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 675

Hello! Welcome back to PR2!

Today's movie is the second part of the text about Hamied and his fight for affordable anti-AIDS drugs. Let's get started!

When Hamied went to Brussels in 2000, a year's treatment with AIDS cocktail cost a patient \$10,000 to \$12,000. Western countries holding the patents insisted they had to earn back their original research and development expenses. Hamied said it was time the victims got treatment regardless of the patent issues and offered to sell his cocktail for \$800 to \$1,000 per year. A few weeks later, he lowered the price to \$600 for government purchases. Today, Thailand and Brazil have been manufacturing and selling the AIDS cocktail. Last month, Cipla won the World Health Organization approval to market the AIDS drug wherever local governments agree to allow its sale.

Hamied is proof that you can do well by doing good: the anti-AIDS cocktail he sells sustains lives while helping maintain his own high standard of living. Hamied, who earned his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Cambridge, considers the AIDS battle part of a broader campaign to maintain India's loose patent regime. India's patent laws are supposed to meet the World Trade Organization standards if the country ratifies the WTO's intellectual property treaty. Hamied says that could make his people very helpless against profiteering drug companies and India has an estimated 4 million HIV-positive cases.

Alright, that's all for today. See you later. Bye-bye!