

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 676**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Irene : Hello, Yerin. Come in!

Yerin: Hi, Irene! What do you usually do on Thursdays?

Irene : I go to swimming school on Thursdays. How about you?

Yerin: I play tennis every day.

Irene : Wow, Yerin, you are so busy!

Yerin: Yes, I am. What do you like to do on weekends?

Irene : I like to read comics on weekends.

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

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 676**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

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

One night, some children and a dog were playing by the river. They were having fun with their pet. But they were far from home. Then the weather became bad. It rained and rained. The river was rising. It was very dark. The children knew they were lost. They needed to go north, but they didn't know which direction it was. When the moon came out, they saw a ghost by the river. The ghost said, "Go away!"

The children felt great fright. They knew it was a ghost. Then the ghost moved closer. She yelled again, "Go away!"

That was all for today! Come back next time to find out what happens next. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 676

Welcome back to PR2 everyone! This is Part Four of our talk on marriage benefits in the U.S. Let's begin.

Today, fewer and fewer families conform to the breadwinner-homemaker model that the social insurance system rewards. Since the 1930s, when the Social Security system was created, divorce rates have risen and marriage rates have fallen. Meanwhile, in 2014, one in five adults over twenty-five had never been married – in contrast to 1960, when it was roughly one in ten. And in 2012, for the first time, more unmarried women under thirty had children than [married] women. Even those couples that do marry and have children are different from those idealized by policymakers in the 1930s. In 2014, in 60 percent of married couples with children, both parents worked. Few couples, especially if they are parents, can afford to live on one person's earnings. While marriage has changed for many, Congress, through the laws it has passed – and refused to pass – has held on firmly to the two ideas that the social insurance system should reward marriage and that marriages should be made up of breadwinners and homemakers.

Okay, that will be all for today. Did you enjoy learning about marriage benefits in the U.S.? I know I did!

Well, stay [tuned] for more interesting news. Bye!