

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 696

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have the final part to the story of Grumpy Sam. Let's begin.

Sam's family did all they could, but Sam was still grumpy. "Don't smile, Sam," they all said.

Then, Grandma put on Sam's gorilla mask. "Oooo-ooo-ooo!" she said.

Sam looked at Grandma.

He smiled a little.

His smile got bigger.

Finally, Sam smiled a big smile. "I don't feel grumpy now," he said.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 696

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

This is the last part of Daniel's adventure! Let's begin!

Daniel told the friendly alien all about his project. The alien agreed to help Daniel solve his problem. "First, we'll fly through space to view the universe. Then, I can help you make a model of my planet."

Soon, they were going through the clouds. They passed the moon. Then they viewed Mars.

Daniel was very excited. Instead of a bad grade, his group would have the best project ever!

"It's time to go home," the alien finally said. On the way back, he helped Daniel make a model of the planet Mars. Soon, they were on Earth.

"Thanks," Daniel said. "My model will be awesome!" Then he took his model and said goodbye to his new friend.

That was all for today! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 696

Hello! Welcome back to PR2! Today's movie is about research, animals, and ethics! Let's get started.

David Greybeard first showed me how fuzzy the distinction between animals and humans can be. Forty years ago I befriended David, a chimpanzee, during my first trip to Gombe in Tanzania. One day I offered him a nut in my open palm. He looked directly into my eyes, took the nut out of my hand and dropped it. At the same time, he gently squeezed my hand as if to say, I don't want it, but I understand your motives.

Since chimpanzees are thought to be physiologically close to humans, researchers use them as test subjects for new drugs and vaccines. In the labs, these very sociable creatures often live isolated from one another in 5-by-5-foot cages, where they grow bad-tempered and sometimes violent. Dogs, cats, and rats are also kept in poor conditions and subjected to painful procedures. Many people would find it hard to sympathize with rats, but dogs and cats are parts of our lives. Ten or fifteen years ago, when the use of animals in medical testing was first brought to my attention, I decided to visit the labs myself. Many people working there had convinced themselves that animal testing is the only way for medical research.

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