

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 702

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PRJr. Let's begin!

What school event did you enjoy this year, Yerin?

I enjoyed the sports day very much.

The sports day? When was it?

It was in November.

Why did you like it?

I liked it because our team won the prize.

Wow! That's amazing.

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

Dictation Contest (PR1 中級) No. 702

Hi everyone. Welcome back to PR1. Today we'll be reading a passage on skateboarding. Let's begin.

Skateboarding began over 60 years ago as a form of entertainment as a form of entertainment for young people in the US. Today, it involves not only riding but doing tricks on the skateboard, and even performing in special shows. After skateboarding was added to the list of new sports at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, more people recognized it as a real sport for athletes. As skateboarding grows in popularity however, there are concerns. City officials sometimes complain about skateboarders' behaviors such as blocking traffic and bothering walkers. Skateboarding can also be very dangerous. Skateboarders might injure themselves or others on public roads. Beginners may lose easily their balance and fall down.

Okay that's all for today. I'll see you again in class. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 702

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR2. Today I am going to read a news article. Take a listen.

Here is an example of extreme cognitive dissonance. Teachers are striking across the US right now. Thousands of educators from Kentucky to Arizona have been walking off the job in protest to radical public budget cuts over the past several years. These cuts have left them under-paid, overworked and using their own money to supplement minuscule budgets that result in books held together with duct tape and rain pouring into classrooms through ceiling holes. At the same time, business leaders, who have spent the past year successfully lobbying for tax “reform”, are complaining that politicians have to do something about the sad state of American schools. Many chief executives I have spoken to in recent weeks have rightly criticized Betsy DeVos, US education secretary, for keeping quiet throughout the strikes. They complain that the failing American education system has made it impossible to find the workers they need to maintain their competitiveness on the international stage. They are right about that. While the US will probably have created about 15 million new jobs in the decade leading up to 2020, 65 per cent will require post-secondary education and training beyond high school. Meanwhile, only 54 per cent of Americans who enter tertiary education receive a degree within six years, a rate that reflects both cost inflation and the lack of preparedness with which many of them enter degree programs.

That’s all for today! See you!