

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 709

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Jr.

Today we will listen to a short daily conversation. Let's begin.

Kay: Jun, what do you want to do in the future?

Jun: I'm not sure yet Kay. Maybe I will become a pilot.

Kay: That's interesting. Why?

Jun: I want to travel around the world. I really want to go somewhere in Europe someday.

Have you been to Europe?

Kay: No, sadly not. I'd like to visit Germany one day though.

Well, that's it for today. See you next time. Bye bye.

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 709

Hi, everyone. Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, we will be reading a passage on fireworks. Let's begin.

From official events and sports activities, to summer parties and festivals, fireworks attract so many people around the world. In the US, fireworks light up the skies over cities such as New York and Las Vegas on Independence Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>. None of the experts know exactly how fireworks were invented but many researchers have expressed a theory that the original fireworks were invented in ancient China and then spread to Europe. There, they developed into fireworks as we know them now. Chinese people usually celebrate New Year's Day with firecrackers that make loud noises. They believe that the noise helps them get away from evil spirits.

Okay, everyone. That's all we have on fireworks. See you in class. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 709

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, you are going to listen to the second half of the story about Jeremy Gilbert – the man who invented a weaving machine. Let's begin!

So Jeremy took his machine to the mayor at Wembley. This mayor thought Jeremy's machine was spectacular and spent a long time looking at its different components made of brass. The mayor couldn't refute the fact that the machine had drawbacks that would affect the people's jobs. But he realized the machine could bring money and prestige. So he ordered Jeremy to build twenty of them.

Within a year, Wembley was a wealthy city, famous for its wonderful cloth. People no longer wove but worked in managerial jobs at cloth factories instead. Nobody bought the cloth from Nether City anymore. The people of Nether City became poor and hungry.

Finally, the mayor of Nether City called Jeremy and said, "Now I realize that your machine is not just a passing fad. To succeed in business, we must be willing to change." He then ordered twenty weaving machines.

After that, both Nether City and Wembley became rich cities, famous throughout the land of their wonderful cloth.

That was all. Do you agree that businesses must be willing to change in order to succeed? Tell me about it in our next class! Take care and I'll see you then. Bye-bye!