

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 726

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Today, you are going to listen to a story about the trip to Miami.

Look at this postcard. It's from Miami and it is in Florida in the United States. It is on the east coast next to the Atlantic Ocean. There is a famous beach there, and there's a famous castle called Coral Castle. It's a hot part of the U.S.A. You can have Christmas on the beach!

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 726

Hi! Welcome back to PR1.

Let's continue the story of Mushu, the dragon.

"Have you awakened, Great Stone Dragon?" the First Ancestor called.

I looked at the rubble. I am so clever. I lifted the Stone Dragon's head above the bushes, and said in a deep voice, "Ah, yes, I am the Great Stone Dragon. I will go forth and fetch Mulan. Did I mention I was the Great Stone Dragon?"

"Go! The fate of the Fa family rests in your claws." The first ancestor believed me.

"Don't even worry about it!" I said.

Then, the heavy head tipped over, and I tumbled down a hill.

Chirp, chirp. A cricket hopped up.

Alright, let's stop here and continue in the next movie. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 726

Hello fellow PR2 listeners!

Today we will talk about an upcoming event – the coronation of King Charles III. According to an article, a coronation is both the symbolic religious ceremony during which a sovereign is crowned and the act of placing a crown on a monarch's head. King Charles III's coronation will be held on Saturday May 6th, 2023 at Westminster Abbey in London. Take a listen:

Coronations have remained much the same for more than 1,000 years and it is the only remaining ceremony of its type in Europe.

However, Buckingham Palace has hinted at changes, saying it will be "rooted in longstanding traditions" but will also "reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future."

It is likely to be shorter and smaller in scale than Queen Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953, with a wider range of religions represented.

There are typically 6 stages to the service: the recognition, the oath, the anointing, the investiture, the enthronement, and homage*.

In addition to the Royal Family, the coronation will be attended by the prime minister, representatives from the Houses of Parliament, heads of state, and other royals from around the world. The normal capacity is about 2,200 and it seems likely that this will be the maximum number this time.

It is almost certain the ceremony will be broadcast live, as Queen Elizabeth II's was.

A potential worldwide audience of hundreds of millions is expected.

What do you think? Will you watch the coronation live, and are you excited to witness such a historical event? Let me know next class – see you!

* Pronounced: "om-ahge" (with the last consonant sound like the 's' in *pleasure*)