

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 728

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Last time, we talked about New Year's traditions – things you do on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. But are there any other things you often do during the winter season as a whole? Many people go skiing, but I've only been once in Japan. I usually don't do much in winter, but this year I want to take some trips to different parts of Japan. I want to see some beautiful snowy scenery. Do you have any recommendations? Let me know, okay? See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 728

Hello! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, you are going to listen to more interesting facts about elevators. Let's begin!

More people could now work in the same building because there were more floors. Elevators made this possible. Today's fastest elevators can travel over one kilometer per minute. You may not know it, but some of these fast elevators look like bullets instead of boxes. This helps quiet the noise of fast travel.

Some large buildings even use double-deck elevators. Double-deck elevators are very useful because they move more people and occupy less space. Not all elevators travel straight up. A building in Germany has an elevator that moves slowly along a rounded roof.

This elevator tilts slightly during the ride, so hold on tight!

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 728

Hi, everyone. Welcome back to PR2.

This will be the final part of the story. Now, take a listen.

For people starting their career, the choices are more pressing. Carlos Ortiz a professional golfer said that after a great first year in 2014 when he won 600,000 dollars, he did not want to misuse his winnings. "For me it was a lot of money," he said. "I didn't know what to do with it. I still had it in my student account. I didn't even have a credit card."

Mr. Ortiz said he had learned to prioritize what he needed over what he wanted. One priority was a house in Dallas to be his home base. And he made sure he bought one that he could afford. Another was being modest with flashy expenses, like cars and watches. "In some years you make a lot of money and you can't spend it," he said. "In other years, you're losing money."

Mr. McLean shares a saying to get his client to the point of managing their money better: "With great abundance comes less discipline." It sounds like an odd proverb, but Mr. McLean said it was meant to show his most successful clients that they needed to pay attention to their money, the way they focused on the skills that had made them rich. "The wealthy were disciplined enough to make the money," he said. "But they don't always have a plan to maintain it."

Alright. That's the end of the whole story. How was it? Thanks for listening. I'll see you next time!