

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 729

Hello, everyone, and welcome back to PR Junior!

Today, we will learn about a girl's wonderful family.

I live in a house near the mountains. I have two brothers and one sister, and I was born last. My father teaches mathematics, and my mother is a nurse at a big hospital. My brothers are very smart and work hard in school. My sister is a nervous girl, but she is very kind.

That is all for today, bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 729

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, we'll hear Part Three of *Laughing and Health*. Let's start!

Our body is made of about sixty trillion cells. In our body, about three thousand bad cells are born every day, but five billion good cells, which we always have in our body, break the bad cells. One experiment shows that the good cells become active when we laugh. The experiment was done by two doctors in Japan in 1992. They asked nineteen people to see a very funny show for three hours in a theatre. Before and after the show, the doctors checked how the good cells in each person became active. They found that the good cells became more active after the show.

Well, that's all for today. We'll hear more next time, bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 729

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, you are going to listen to the second half of the tragic but also inspirational story of Beethoven – one of the greatest European composers. Let's begin!

As one would expect, it became very hard for him to keep writing music. He lost the virtue of patience, and he became notorious for his aggression. Still, he never stopped trying. His passion for music compelled him to keep performing even after he went deaf. He couldn't hear himself play, but he knew that his creations sounded gorgeous.

His final concert was held at a huge banquet*. He gave the musicians a cue, and they began to play. He directed the concert with all his heart. He couldn't hear the music, but he said that he could feel it. Overall, the performance was one of the finest in history. When it was over, he turned to the crowd. They clapped and cheered wildly. In that beautiful moment, the applause boosted his emotions, and he began to cry.

In 1827, he suffered from lead poisoning. He didn't survive the sickness, but his music did – because great music never becomes outdated. Even though Beethoven is gone, his legacy will live on forever.

That was all for today. I hope you were able to learn something new. Bye-bye!

* Pronounced: "ban-quit"