

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 733

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

What did you guys do [at] Christmas? I baked a cake with my sister. She likes chocolate so we made a chocolate cake. We used the oven to bake the bread and we decorated [it] with cream. It looked like it snowed on top [of] the cake because the cream was white. We ate the cake with a glass of milk and it was very tasty. Next year, we are going to bake a different cake.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 733

Hi everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today we will learn about a "swap party". Let's begin!

When did you last look in your closet and consider how many of your clothes you haven't worn in the last six months? One way to pass them on to someone who will wear them is to organize a "clothes swap party" with your friends or neighbors. Not only will you get rid of things you don't want anymore without just throwing them away, you might just get a whole new wardrobe for yourself too! You can do the same with books and other possessions which are just gathering dust around your house. Also, don't forget that there are now dozens of Internet sites or social media to help you share, swap, or give away reusable "stuff".

That's all for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 733

Hi, everyone. Welcome back to PR2. How much do you guys know about train and subway system in Tokyo? Today, I'll tell you about Tokyo's transportation system. Take a listen.

Tokyo's commuter train and subway system is one of the best transit systems in the world. Trains generally run frequently and on regular schedules, and the railway companies continue to construct new lines or stretch the existing lines to cover longer distances. Sometimes, two or three railway lines are connected so that passengers can travel across two or three prefectures on a single train. However, the longer a line becomes, the more likely trains are to be delayed because of traffic accidents and mechanical problems. Normally, if a train is only a few minutes late, the commuters can catch the preceding train which also arrives a few minutes late. However, when a serious accident occurs, train schedules are seriously disrupted, and people end up making a detour and losing a great deal of time. Moreover, commuters who live in the suburbs and work in the city are so heavily dependent on trains and subways that there is a possibility that an unexpected natural disaster, such as a major earthquake or snowstorm, might leave them stranded far away from their homes. It appears that convenience and unexpected trouble are two sides of the same coin.

Alright, that's the end of the story for today. How was it? I'll see you next time!