

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 737

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Today you're going to listen to a story about a firefighter.

John is a firefighter. He puts out fires. Every morning, John learns about new equipment and he checks the fire truck. Then it's lunchtime. John is hungry and eats lots of pasta and rice. After lunch, John and his work mate visit schools. He gives children information about fires and how to stop them. At the end of every day, John is very tired but very happy.

That is all for today, bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 737

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, we'll listen to Part Four of *Laughing and Health*. Let's begin!

One of the doctors said, "Let's laugh! But if you can't laugh, just smile. Smiling is also good for the good cells in your body."

Smiling is also good for our mind. Usually, we can't smile when we are in a difficult situation, but smiling is very important at these times. There are some good examples in the world of sports. Let's look at one of them.

In 2011, the Japanese women's soccer team had an important game against America. Many people watching the game thought that the American team [was] stronger than the Japanese team.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 737

Hello! Welcome back to PR2!

Today's movie is about one of our five senses – touching. How important do you think touching is to [understanding] the world? Let's find out more about it.

“Don't look at the world with your hands in your pockets,” Mark Twain once told an aspiring young author. “To write about it, you have to reach out and touch it.” I thought of this advice when I visited Robert Barnett, former executive director of the American Foundation for the Blind. Barnett was blinded at the age of 14 in an accident. As we chatted, he noticed that I was looking at a bronze head of Helen Keller, which he keeps near his desk.

“Feel it with your hands,” he told me. I ran my fingers over the cool metal. “Now does it look any different?” Barnett asked. The difference was surprising. The sculpture now had weight, depth, shape and character which had escaped my eyes.

“Touch is more than a substitute for vision,” Barnett said. “It reveals qualities others senses can't even suggest. One of the greatest mistakes people make is thinking you have to be blind to enjoy it,” he said. Learning to develop the sense of touch is something like making your other senses secondary. In seeing with the eyes alone we are limited to what is immediately in front of us. Touch along with vision enables us to see something as a whole.

That's all for today. See you in the next movie. Bye-bye!