

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 760**

Hello everyone, welcome back to PR Jr!

Today, you are going to listen to Rena's speech. Take a listen.

Hello. My name is Rena. Today I'll talk about my recent days. Last Saturday I got up at nine o'clock. I went shopping with my sister in Shibuya. I bought a nice T-shirt. Then we went to the movies after lunch. The movie was funny. It was a happy day. Thank you for listening.

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

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 760**

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I'm going to talk about our lives. Let's begin.

87.32. What is this number? This numbers shows how many years the average Japanese woman can live. Japanese men live an average of 81.25 years. Today, our lives are very long so it is important to think about how we spend our time living. Some people say that we spend 1/3 of our lives sleeping. This is true if we sleep for 8 hours in one day. If we live for 80 years, we find that we spend about 27 years of our lives sleeping. What else do we do in our lives? Here are the results of an interesting survey.

Well that's all for today. We'll continue next time. Bye bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 760

Hello! Welcome back to PR2!

Today's text is about the role of the hemispheres of the brain. Let's get started.

We know that the two cerebral hemispheres of the brain have different cognitive capacities. These can lead to asymmetries in behavior and in the way in which we interpret the world. Many studies suggest that the right hemisphere of the brain is more involved in the perception of emotion and in its expression than the left hemisphere of the brain. In relation to language, the right hemisphere of the brain is better at interpreting the emotional tone of voice in speech. A typical experiment illustrates this. It uses some sentences with a happy message "She won a prize". Other sentences are less cheerful, such as "He lost all his money gambling" or "it is cold and rainy", and yet other sentences are neutral, with no particular emotional content. They are read in different tones of voice, which are either consistent with the sentence's message or in opposition to it. Although in principle to lose money gambling is unpleasant, if it had happened to a great enemy it might nevertheless induce some sensation of pleasure, and it is possible to read the sentence "he lost all his money gambling" in a cheerful tone of voice. Similarly, some Californians have an unusual enthusiasm for rain and it is possible to read the sentence "it is cold and rainy" in a cheerful tone of voice.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!