

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 767

Hi, welcome back to PRJr!

Today, we're going to hear a conversation about baseball. Take a listen.

Jill: Let's play baseball on Sunday, Tim.

Tim: Sure, Jill! But I'm not good at playing it.

Jim: That's all right. You're going to be fine.

Tim: Are you sure?

Jill: Of course!

Tim: Okay, then where should we meet?

Jill: Let's meet at Kunitachi Park at three o'clock.

Tim: Sounds good, I'll see you there, bye!

That's all for today. How was it? See you next time, bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 767

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1. Let's get started with today's movie.

Giulia: Excuse me, sir. I need some help. My little brother is somewhere in the shopping mall, but I can't find him. He is 10 years old, a little tall for his age and he has blonde hair.

Ivo: Good day, miss. I will do whatever I can. Where did you last see your brother?

Giulia: The last time I saw him was at the food court, near the pizza place.

Ivo: And what clothes was he wearing?

Giulia: He was wearing a blue hoodie with a picture of a yellow duck on the back, and black jeans.

Ivo: And what about his name?

Giulia: His name is Johnny.

Ivo: Okay, miss. Please take a seat here and I will go look for him.

Giulia: Thank you so much!

That's all for today. Bye bye!

## Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 767

Hello! Welcome back to PR2!

Today, let us talk about one of the behaviors that most people suffer from – procrastination.

What is procrastination? Procrastination, as defined by the Cambridge Dictionary, refers to the act of delaying something that must be done, often because it is unpleasant or boring.

People often joke about procrastination saying things like 'Why do today, what you can put off till tomorrow?' Generally speaking, it is no laughing matter. Occasionally, procrastination can have a positive outcome. For example, a problem may solve itself over time or the meeting you haven't prepared for is cancelled. And some people do work faster and more efficiently under time pressure. Most often, though, procrastination turns out to be a serious problem costing big businesses millions of dollars every year.

Surveys have shown that the average worker procrastinated an estimated 20% of the time which amounts to chronic behavior and it is found in just about every occupation and profession. Doctors too, are known for it. An inability to say no often leads to procrastination. Even executives find it difficult to refuse additional work when they are already overworked. When their superior, or subordinate, makes a request, executives rarely take the trouble to explain that dealing with this particular issue means something else has to be let go.

How about you? Do you suffer from procrastination as well? Well, that's all for today. See you guys next time, bye!