

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 772

Hello! Welcome back to PR Jr!

Today, I'm telling you the 2nd part of the story about holiday shopping. Let's begin!

She's looking for an inexpensive bracelet for her sister, but all the bracelets are expensive. She's looking for a leather purse for her mother, but all the purses are vinyl. Poor Mrs. Miller is very upset. She's looking for special gifts for all the special people, but she's having a lot of trouble.

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 772

Hello, everyone! This is PR1 and today I want to talk about curly hair.

Today is a rainy and humid day, so my bangs are very curly. I would like to explain why.

Take a listen.

Humid air holds more water than our hair does. Water molecules want to create balance, so they'll move from the oversaturated air into our dry hair. Once the water molecules are inside of the hair, they reshape the hydrogen bonds holding the hair together. As a result, the hair gets frizzy, and in some cases, curly. Japan has a monsoon season in early summer, so I better think of a good solution.

Next time, I will introduce some effective ways to fight humidity. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 772

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2!

Today, you are going to listen to a text about a boy called Samuel who had to experience what it was like to be blind for a day. Let's begin!

One Friday afternoon, Samuel's teacher had a special assignment. "Next week, we'll be studying humanitarian efforts around the world since the time of the Renaissance, including those to help the blind," she said. "Over the weekend, I want each of you to wear a blindfold for an entire day. The premise of this experiment is that I will help you understand what it's like to be blind," she said. Samuel was a skeptic. He really didn't think the assignment would be too challenging. On Saturday morning, Sam took a piece of cloth and tied it around his head to cover his eyes. Then he went into the kitchen for breakfast. He heard the voices of his parents and brothers but couldn't specify where each voice was coming from. He thought about how important hearing is for people who are visually impaired. "Could you pass me the newspaper, please?" he asked. Just then, he remembered he couldn't see the words on the page. He wondered if braille newspapers were ever made.

That was all for today's text. Come back next time to find out what happens next! Bye-bye!