

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 776

Hi, guys! How are you doing? Today we'll read Part Three of *When do Hippos Play?*

They strolled on the bottom, they bounced up for air.

They did it for hours, without any care.

The fish followed closely, and wove in and out.

Under their belly, and up to their snout.

Each of the hippos came up to the shore.

To feed on the grass by the river once more.

Next time, I will read the last part. Goodbye for now!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 776

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, we will look at a short conversation between two people who were high school friends.

Let's start!

Kay: Faland, long time no see! How's life?

Faland: Looking up, actually. I was laid off last month, but a few days later, I happened to bump into an old friend from college.

Kay: And...?

Faland: We got talking and the next thing I know, I was being offered a high-paying job in a field I've always been interested in. And I get a company car.

Kay: Seems too good to be true. Just to be on the safe side, you'd better check the details before you accept.

Faland: Thanks, I'll be careful.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 776

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR2.

I believe we've all heard about bullying that goes on in schools, but do you know that bullying, happens in workplaces as well?

When workmates use offensive or intimidating behavior to humiliate other workers, it is a form of abuse. Bullies are frequently insecure people with low self-esteem – although it may not be obvious. Their targets are usually competent, honest, and independent people who get on well with their colleagues – often the very characteristics which bullies feel they lack. Bullies are often most concerned with gaining power and exerting dominance over people by causing fear and distress. The individual on the receiving end of this behavior may experience stress, anxiety, excessive worry, loss of concentration, and irritability as a result. The company may suffer, too, by way of a decrease in productivity and morale and higher rates of absenteeism. In some cases, the person being bullied quits his or her job resulting in a high turnover of personnel. If you believe you are being bullied by someone at work, keep a record of each incident, including dates, and bring it to the attention of your employer, trade union representative, or health and safety officer. If you think you were singled out for abuse because of discrimination against your gender, age, religious beliefs, race, or a disability, you could lay a complaint with the Human Rights Commission.

Alright, that was a pretty heavy topic, but guys, remember to not put up with bullying, okay? Well, I'll see you guys next time, then. Bye-bye!