

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 781

Hello, everyone! This is Kay and Seung. Welcome to PR Junior.

This is Part 2 of *Dragons*.

"Did you see the dragons?" said Wilf.

"Don't be silly!" said Chip.

"See!" said Biff. "We did see dragons."

"They are in a play. We can go and see it," said Mrs. May.

So the children went to see the play. The dragons sang a song. Then the dragons did a jig.

"The dragons are fun," said Chip.

Okay, that's it for now. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 781

Hey, guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, you will listen to a story about tablet computers. Let's begin!

Tablet computers look like laptop computers without a keyboard. People control them by touching the screen. Many people like them because they are thin and light. Some tablets are even smaller than a wallet. It takes a long time to turn on a computer, but a tablet is always on. People can use them to watch videos, play games, show pictures to others, and check emails. Smaller tablets can be used to communicate like cellphones. Some people think tablets will become more popular than laptop computers soon.

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 781

Hello, everyone, and welcome back to PR2!

It's been getting really warm recently, so I am absolutely thrilled! It's the perfect weather for a picnic, for a day of cycling, and more! Today we will talk about an event [that has] taken place in the warmer regions of Japan – Tanegashima. Can you guess what it is?

Aaand yes, you are correct! I will be sharing [with] you the details of the H3 rocket that was planned to launch a month ago by JAXA, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency. Unfortunately the mission did not go as planned, as a booster did not ignite. Let me read a small paragraph for you:

At liftoff time, smoke was seen rising from the bottom of the rocket, indicating the ignition of the main engine. However, the rocket did not rise from the launch pad. JAXA, the country's space agency, said later the same day that the main engine shut down automatically shortly after the ignition. The boosters, which were programmed to ignite after the main engine, were blocked from doing so by the first-stage control system. JAXA said this occurred in response to a signal indicating trouble with the rocket's electronics.

Although this seems like a frustrating result, the most important step in the scientific method is feedback. Scientists must consider this failure as a hint for improving their project, so that they can create something even better. The media reports that JAXA will be attempting another launch by the end of March, so stay tuned.

That is all for today! Stay awesome, and see you!