

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 798

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR junior.

Judy is going to the supermarket with her mom. They are going to make spaghetti for dinner. So, they want to buy tomatoes, some meat, and noodles. However, the supermarket is very big and Judy does not know where to find them. Judy asks an old lady about the tomatoes. She tells Judy that [they are] on the right next to the cucumber[s]. Judy found the tomatoes.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 798

Hello my fellow PR1 listeners! How is your day going?

Recently I caught a cold, and although I have recovered, I still have a funny voice. Let me read you an article that explains why:

Your speaking voice is created when air leaves your lungs and flows upward through your vocal cords and throat into your mouth. The resulting sound quality is called resonance.

A hyponasal voice can sound blocked, as if your nose is stuffed. It's the same sound you would make if you pinched your nose closed while speaking.

This is usually due to a blockage in the nose. That blockage can be temporary — such as when you have a cold, sinus infection, or allergies.

Now that was educational! That is all for today – great job and see you again!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 798

Hello, everyone! This is another PR2 movie and today I am going to be reading the second half of the text about the history of parachutes. Listen closely!

He jumped out of the tree and found that umbrellas worked.

Next, he refined his invention. Rather than using umbrellas, he knit a large parachute. Finally, he jumped off a tall building on a French estate and landed safely in the courtyard. Sebastian's work gave another man an idea. Jean-Pierre Blanchard had a different outlook than Sebastian. He was a hot air balloon addict. He was one of the first people to ride in a hot air balloon powered by hydrogen gas. He was a proponent of using the parachutes to exit from hot air balloons. Starting in 1785, he used his dog to show that animals could land safely from hot air balloons by using parachutes. Then, in 1793, he was faced with a chaotic experience. The hot air balloon he was riding in burst and started to fall. He was forced to use a parachute himself. And much to his relief, it saved his life!

That was all. Did you know anything about the history of parachutes before you played this video? This was definitely new information for me! Let me know your thoughts on it next time you see me in class.

Until then, take care and don't forget to have fun! Bye-bye!