

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 800

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior. This is the ninth part of a story called "The Magic Key". Let's begin!

Suddenly, a bird flew down. It took the magic key.

"Stop the bird!" called Bill. "It's stolen the key."

The bird flew to the forest.

"The bird is a thief," said Charlie.

The children ran after the bird. Everyone ran after the children.

That was all for today. I hope you liked it and I'll see you next time! Bye-bye!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 800

Hi, guys! This is PR1.

Let's listen to the next part of the story about Black Friday.

The idea of Black Friday has also spread around the world. For example, in 2017, people in the UK spent the equivalent of 10.3 billion dollars, in Germany 7.6 billion dollars, and in France 6.2 billion dollars. Many of us love to get a bargain, but some feel that events like Black Friday encourage people to buy things that they don't really need and can't afford. Many people seem to completely lose control of both their spending and their tempers. It is easy to find video[s] online of customers physically fighting each other over bargains. It is also argued that Black Friday is bad for small shopkeepers, who cannot afford to offer the kinds of price cuts that the big companies can.

That's all for today. See you in class!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 800

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR2.

So, it's been really warm recently and the cherry blossoms are blooming beautifully. I hope all of you are enjoying the season. Today, I want to talk about April Fools'.

Do you know what April Fools' is? April Fools' Day, is an annual custom on the first of April consisting of practical jokes and hoaxes. Jokesters pull pranks and often expose their actions by shouting "April Fools!" at people, who become the "April fool". Mass media have also been getting more involved with these pranks by posting "prank notices" and only revealing the truth the following day.

People around the world have different rules and traditions for celebrating April Fools'. In the UK, the April Fools' custom ends at noon, after which time it is no longer acceptable to play pranks. A person playing a prank after midday is considered to be the "April fool" themselves.

In Ireland, it was traditional to entrust the victim with an "important letter" to be given to a named person. That person would read the letter, then ask the victim to take it to someone else, and so on. Written in the letter are the words "send the fool further".

Although the origins of April Fools' is unknown, there are many theories surrounding it. Some historians suggest that it originated from the Middle Ages in Europe, where people made fun of others for celebrating New Year's at the end of March.

Do you pull pranks on your friends on April Fools' Day? Well, that's it for today. Bye!