

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 801

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR.

Today I am going to talk about old books. Let's get started.

Do you have a lot of old books that you don't want? If you do, recycle them. We will collect them from you for free at a convenient time. Just call us, and then we will come to pick them up. A large collection means less free space in your home. Don't throw them away in the trash. We take all books.

That is all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 801

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

In recent years, airplane fees have become expensive. For people who travel often, it has become a big burden. One of the main factors that has led to this significant increase is the rising cost of fuel, which is a significant expense for airlines. As the price of oil increases, so does the cost of operating an airline, and this is typically passed on to passengers in the form of higher fees. In addition, there has been [an] increase in demand for air travel, which has led to a supply-demand imbalance. Airlines can charge higher fees when demand is high, and this has been the case in recent years due to the growth of [the] global economy and the increasing popularity of air travel.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 801

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR2.

This time we'll be talking about gender stereotypes. Take a listen.

A ban on advertisements featuring “harmful gender stereotypes” or those which are likely to cause “serious or widespread offense” has come into force. The ban covers scenarios such as a man with his feet up while a woman cleans, or a woman failing to park a car. The UK’s advertising watchdog introduced the ban because it found some portrayals could play a part in “limiting people’s potential.” It said it was pleased with how advertisers had responded.

The new rule follows a review of gender stereotyping in advertisements by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) – the organization that administers the UK Advertising Codes, which cover both broadcast and non-broadcast advertisements, including online and social media. The ASA said the review had found evidence suggesting that harmful stereotypes could “restrict the choices, aspirations, and opportunities of children, young people, and adults and these stereotypes can be reinforced by some advertising, which plays a part in unequal gender outcomes.” ASA chief executive Guy Parker said, “Our evidence shows how harmful gender stereotypes in ads can contribute to inequality in society, with costs for all of us. Put simply, we found that some portrayals in ads can, over time, play a part in limiting people’s potential.”

Okay, that’s it for now. See you again next time in class. Bye!