

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 828

Hello, my dear PR Junior students! Are you having another great day today?

Today, let's talk about height. How tall are you?

I am 166 centimeters, because my dad is very tall.

Our height mostly comes from our moms and dads, but you can try drinking milk and eating tuna and eggs to become taller. Exercise is also important.

I hope these tips help you to become taller! That is all for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 828

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

Today we'll be talking about cashless payment. Let's begin.

Cashless payment is a way of sending money online or paying through an electronic device instead of using bills and coins. Nowadays, payment is becoming increasingly cashless. More and more businesses, both big and small, have been avoiding the use of cash this past year. A cashless society is more convenient and has less risk of dangerous crimes. Today, however, there are some people who can't make cashless payments because they don't have credit cards or smartphones. That is why it will be a while before all generations of society will be completely free from cash. A cashless society is on its way.

Okay, that's the end of the passage. What do you think will happen? Do you think that there will come a day in Japan where everyone – including the elderly – uses cashless payment? Take some time to think about it. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 828

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to another PR2 video.

Today, I'm going to read you a story about a father who teaches his daughter an important lesson. Let's begin!

Jessie and her father, Michael, owned a secondhand boat. They called it "High Hopes". The two loved to spend time together on the ocean and would often go on long fishing trips.

Michael taught Jessie how to perform important tasks. Jessie learned how to steer the boat and adjust the sails. She learned how to put grease on the intricate gears of the motor. She learned how to submerge the anchor and secure it by putting a rope in a slot. Jessie liked helping her father, but she thought she wasn't very good at it. Sometimes, she omitted important steps and made frequent mistakes. Jessie thought she wasn't capable of manual labour.

Michael wanted to prove to her that she was indeed capable and important. He thought of a tactic to test Jessie's skills in the context of a catastrophe. He hid under the deck and pretended to be trapped. He shouted, "Jessie, I can't get out! You have to get back to the dock and find help!"

That was all for the first half of the story. Do you agree with the dad's tactic? Let me know the next time you see me! Bye-bye!