

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 839

Hi there! Welcome to PR Junior.

Let's take a listen to a conversation between a girl and her mother.

Girl: Mom, are we going anywhere this Sunday?

Mother: I don't have any plans now. Do you want to go somewhere?

Girl: There is a new movie called *The Little Mermaid* and I want to watch it. Can I?

Mother: Yes, of course! [How] about we go to the department store, have lunch, and go to the cinema?

Girl: That's perfect! I can't wait anymore!

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 839

Hi, everyone. Welcome back to PR1! This is the next part of E-Scooters. Let's get started.

Most e-scooter[s] have top speeds of around 30 kilometers per hour, although some can go as fast as 50 kilometers per hour. Many people use scooters for short trips between one to three kilometers, for example from the station to their office. Recently, many cities have started e-scooter sharing program[s]. Chicago is one of these cities. It began its program in June, 2019. In Chicago's program, people join online, download a smartphone application, and they can use any of the city's 2,500 e-scooters. People can use the e-scooters between 5am and 10pm. The e-scooters are controlled and charged. In the morning, they are put back on Chicago's streets.

Let's continue next time. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 839

Hello hello, and welcome back to PR2!

Today I felt like doing something different, so I'm going to read a poem to you! Have you ever heard of "Lift Every Voice and Sing"? It is often referred [to] as "The Black National Anthem" because it reflects the hopeful advocacy for Black American rights. I studied this a year ago in literature class, and still remember it because of its profound role during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 60s.

Due to time constraints, I will read just one stanza, and if you're interested, you can check it out on the Internet by yourself! Also, this is a song, but since I'm not the best singer, and because we are practicing dictation not music, I will simply read the lyrics. Here we go!

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

And that is a wrap! This has been sung at sports events, church, and schools. I hope you enjoyed it. I recommend you to check out the sung version of this beautiful hymn too. Anyways, have a great rest of the day, and see you!