

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 845

Hi, guys, and welcome back to another video of PR Junior.

Today we'll listen to a conversation between two students. Let's get started!

Jack: Why were you absent yesterday? Everyone was so worried about you.

Jane: I had a high fever yesterday. I'm sorry I didn't tell anyone.

Jack: That's too bad. Are you alright?

Jane: I feel better now. I'm still lucky that I didn't get sick in the exam week.

Jack: I agree. Let's get some treats after school together!

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 845

Hi, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I'm going to talk about credit cards. Let's begin.

The Diners' Club credit card was the first credit card that people could use at many different stores. It was not made of plastic, but of paper. It started when Frank McNamara, the head of a bank, met his lawyer and a friend for a meal at a restaurant in New York in 1949. They had a discussion about a man who borrowed some money from McNamara's bank. The man was too poor to return the money. At the end of the meeting, McNamara tried to pay the bill but he couldn't because he forgot his wallet at home. That's when he imagined the credit card. Now, credit cards can be used almost everywhere.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 845

Greetings everyone, this is PR2.

Let's talk about honey today—I usually prepare my own drinks to classes, and honey is my number one sweetener. Did you know that honey never goes bad, or expires? Here is a short explanation from the Internet:

Honey's low moisture content prevents bacteria from surviving, and without live bacteria, honey will not spoil. Moreover, honey's acidity creates an unfavorable environment for the bacteria anyway. However, this is only the case with real honey. Processed or altered honey will have a shorter lifespan, as well as real honey that is not properly stored. High moisture content is could ruin their lifespan.

Well, there you go! I feel extra appreciative of honey now...it is the perfect combination with oat milk, which I pour into my espresso. Perhaps next time, we could study about oat milk and their production process for the next movie! Anyways, that is all for today—stay sweet and kind, and see you again!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 845 エクストラ

Hello. Everyone, and welcome to PR2. Today we'll be talking about Gavin Pretor-Pinney. Let's begin.

Gavin Pretor-Pinney decided to take a break. It was the summer of 2003, and for the last 10 years, in addition to his graphic design business in London, he and a friend had been running a magazine called *The Idler*. This title suggests "literature for the lazy." It argues against busyness and careerism and for the value of aimlessness, of letting the imagination quietly run free. Pretor-Pinney anticipated all the jokes: that he'd burned out running a magazine devoted to doing nothing, and so on. But it was true. Getting the magazine out was tiring, and after a decade, it seemed appropriate to stop for a while and live without a plan – to be an idler himself in a positive sense and make space for fresh ideas. So he exchanged his apartment in London for one in Rome, where everything would be new and anything could happen.

Pretor-Pinney is 47, tall and warm, with a grey beard and pale blue eyes. His face is often bright, as if he's being told a story and can feel some terrific surprise coming. He stayed in Rome for seven months and loved it, especially all the religious art.

Okay, that's it for now. I'll see you in class, bye!