

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 863

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

This is Part Two of *The Roman Adventure*. Let's begin.

Biff showed Dad the model.

"The Romans had chariot races," said Biff. "The races were dangerous. A chariot was so heavy, it needed four horses to pull it."

Mum and Dad played a joke on Biff and Chip. They dressed up as Romans. "It's time for supper," called Dad.

Kipper had some pizza and Mum had some grapes.

Okay, that's all. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 863

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, you are going to listen to a story about Hiroshi.

Hiroshi loves to swim. When he was a primary school student, he started going to a swimming school. He practiced hard every week. He was the fastest swimmer in his primary school. When he entered his junior high school, Hiroshi belonged to the swimming club at his school. He thought he would be the fastest swimmer, but his classmate Jun swam much faster than he did. Jun became the focus of everybody's attention, so Hiroshi lost his confidence and motivation for swimming. One day, he went to a swimming pool with his family. He swam without thinking anything, and then realized he really loved swimming. After that, he came to enjoy practicing at the swimming club and competing with Jun.

That is all for today, bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 863

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I'd like to read about school organizations.

Historically, schools in the United States have borrowed the European system of school organization which separates students into grades by chronological age. In general, children begin formal schooling at the age of six in what is referred to as the first grade. For the most part, students progress through twelve grades; however, some students who do not meet minimum requirements for a particular grade may be asked to repeat the year.

Graded schools are divided into primary grades, intermediate grades, and secondary grades. Primary education includes grades 1 through 5 or 6, and may also provide kindergarten as a preparation for first grade. Referred to as elementary school, these grades are usually taught by one teacher in a self-contained classroom. Intermediate grades begin with grade 6 or 7 and offer three years of instruction. At this level, teams of teachers may collaborate to provide subject-based classes similar to those offered in high school. Viewed as a preparation for high school, intermediate education is known as junior high school. At grade 9 or 10, secondary school begins. Classes usually last about fifty minutes to allow a student ten minutes to move to the next class before it begins at the top of the hour. At the end of twelve successful grades of instruction, students are eligible for a secondary school diploma, more commonly called a high school diploma.

Well, that's it. Is Japan's education system the same? Let me know next time, bye!