

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 863

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today I am going to read a letter to Joe. Let's start.

Hi Joe, How are you?

I can't wait to see you when you come to Florida next month! I haven't seen you since last Christmas at Grandma's house. I had such a good time. I really enjoyed Grandma's stories about our dad. And Grandma's dinner was so delicious! What do you want to do in Florida?

Let's continue next time. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 864

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, you are going to listen to the last part of the text about Emily and her magical book. Let's begin!

She wanted to play more tricks on people. She caused problems. She made people fall down. She laughed and had fun.

Finally she left and started to walk home. Then she saw something. Her basketball coach was about to walk in front of a bus. He was looking the other way. She had to stop him! She used her power. She controlled him. She made him stop walking.

Emily learned something that day. It was better to help people than make them suffer. So, she put a limit on how she used her power. She did not want to do bad things with it anymore. She only wanted to do good.

That was all for today! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 864

Hello, everyone and welcome to PR2.

This is Part Four of the story on Gavin Pretor-Pinney. Let's begin.

After the lecture, people came up to him and asked for more information about the Cloud Appreciation Society. They wanted to join the society. "And I had to tell them, well, I haven't really got a society," Pretor-Pinney said. So he set about creating one. He created a simple website with a gallery for posting photographs of clouds, a membership form and a bold manifesto. He also decided to charge a membership fee and issue a certificate in the mail. He did these things because he recognized that joining an online Cloud Appreciation Society that existed in name only might appear ridiculous, and he wanted to make sure that it did not seem pointless.

Within a couple of months, the society had 2,000 paying members. Pretor-Pinney was surprised and delighted. Then, Yahoo placed the Cloud Appreciation Society first on its 2005 list of Britain's "Wild and Wonderful Websites." People kept clicking on that link, which wasn't necessarily surprising, but thousands of them also clicked through to Pretor-Pinney's own website, then paid for memberships. Other news sites noticed. They did their own articles about the Cloud Appreciation Society, and people followed the links in those articles, too.

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