

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 879

Hi, everyone! This is PR Junior. Are you ready? Let's start!

Alice was sitting by the river. Suddenly she saw a white rabbit. He ran into a hole in the ground and disappeared. She followed him. Alice fell into the hole. Down, down, down, she fell.

"How long will I fall?" she thought. Then Alice hit the bottom. She was in Wonderland.

Alice was walking around Wonderland. She saw a big egg on a high wall. The egg said, "I'm Humpty Dumpty. What's your name little girl?"

"My name is Alice," she said.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 879

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Today we'll be listening to a man talk about his marriage plans. Sounds interesting, doesn't it? Let's begin.

Tina and I are planning to get married next spring. We have been planning the wedding for a while. Eventually, we decided we would get married at my parents' home in Portland because it is in a quiet neighborhood and the scenery is beautiful. After the wedding, we will have a honeymoon in Florida, and then move to a new apartment. We dislike noisy places, so we chose a modern home that is just a bit bigger than our home where we are living now, and which is far from any busy roads.

Alright, that's all for now. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 879

Hello, everyone, and welcome back to PR2!

As per usual, the Kanto area is experiencing extreme heat and humidity, so I hope you are replenishing yourselves with sufficient minerals and water.

Today we have a serious, ongoing topic: the Maui wildfires.

As of August 16th, the death toll has risen to 106, many of them taking place on a highway down by the ocean in western Maui. The fires [had] begun spreading on August 8th, and according to the National Fire Protection Association, these wildfires are “the deadliest in the US in more than 100 years.”

Already, more than 2,200 structures have been destroyed and 86% of them are residential. However, Hawaiian Electric restored power to 80% of their customers after a power outage, however they are simultaneously facing a lawsuit for causing the wildfires, as a security camera captured a bright flash in the woods near the Maui Bird Conservation Center on August 7th.

As tragic [as] the situation seems, there is even a greater issue: outsiders who show little empathy towards the locals. One Maui resident claims that tourists are still swimming and enjoying their vacation during the disaster. Moreover, according to external sources, there is a “growing concern that developers will now try to swoop in and buy up the land where people’s homes were destroyed, possibly rebuilding Lahaina into a Las Vegas-strip style tourism base.”

What do you think about this issue? Anyways, that is all for today. See you!