

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 88**

Hello, everyone! How are you?

What's your favorite celebration?

My favorite celebration is Christmas. I like Christmas because during the Christmas season, I think the city is very beautiful. Also, I can get lots of presents and I can eat lots of delicious food. What do you like about Christmas? Please tell me!

Okay, see you!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 88**

Hello, everyone! How are you?

Today, I will read a little bit from this book: *Aladdin and Other Tales from the Arabian Nights*.

Once there lived a tailor named Mustafa, who was [so] poor that he could hardly provide enough food for himself and his family, which consisted only of his wife and their son, Aladdin. Aladdin was a good-for-nothing who stayed out all day every day, playing in the streets with his friends. When Aladdin was old enough, his father tried to teach him the tailoring trade, but Aladdin would run out of the shop as soon as Mustafa's back was turned. His father became so worried about Aladdin that he became ill and soon died.

Okay, tell me what you thought of that. Take care! Bye!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 88

Hey, everyone! How's it going?

This is PR2 dictation. Today, I'm going to read a little bit from this book: *Factfulness*. It is a *New York Times* bestseller and I think maybe some of you have heard the title before.

At the end of my opening lecture in my 1998 course on global health, most students headed for the coffee machine but one remained behind. I saw her wander slowly towards the front of the room with tears in her eyes, then, when she understood that I had noticed her, she stopped, flipped her face away, and looked out the window. She was obviously moved. I expected her to share with me a sad personal problem that was going to impede her participation [in] the course. Before I could say anything comforting she turned around, gained control over her emotions, and in a steady voice said something completely unexpected: "My family is from Iran. What you just said about the fast improvements in health and education in Iran was the first positive thing I've ever heard anyone from Sweden say about the Iranian people." My student said this to me in perfect Swedish with a clear Stockholm accent: she had obviously lived in Sweden her whole life. I was stunned. All I had done was to briefly show UN data for Iran on the increase in life expectancy and decrease in babies per woman.

Okay, what did you guys think of that?

I will see you guys in another video. Bye!