

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 902

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I am going to talk about recycling. Let's begin.

Today, supermarkets are trying to help the environment. They have started services that let customers recycle plastic more easily. Some customers take plastic bottles to supermarkets, and by doing so they get a discount for shopping there. Such supermarkets are trying to make the environment better and attract customers at the same time.

Well, that's all for today. See you next time!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 902

Hello everyone! Welcome to PR1. Today I will tell you the story about the rising price of groceries. Let's take a listen.

Many shoppers have been worried by the rising price of fruit and vegetables over the last year. Some prices have risen\* by nearly 30% in only a few months. While fresh food markets become more expensive, at the same time supermarkets are offering fewer discounts than usual. The result is that many shoppers are changing their regular shopping habits and buying cheaper items or canned goods. In the long run, prices are sure to fall, but for now customers have no choice but to put up with a more expensive groceries bill.

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

\* pronounced "riz-uhn"

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 903

Hello, everyone, how are you all doing?

The slightly chilly weather these days remind[s] me of my hometown in rural New York. People often associate my hometown with skyscrapers and the Statue of Liberty, but I grew up in the Adirondack Mountains, where the local bowling alley and apple orchards were the only places to hang out with friends. By the way, that was a slight hyperbole.

Today, I would like to study about the Battle of Saratoga, which took place in Upstate New York more than 350 years ago—ending on October 7th, 1777. It resulted in American victory and was a turning point of the American Revolutionary War.

The British strategy was to arrange three separate armies to converge near Albany. However, a number of their troops were defeated in the Battle of Bennington, resulting in reduced forces for Saratoga.

The American troops built formidable defenses, which eventually led to their victory. Ten days after the Battle of Saratoga, on October 17th, the British troops surrendered. Later in 1781, the United States officially gained independence from Great Britain.

There is much more to this battle, but today I gave you a comprehensive summary. Perhaps next time, I can also present to you the origin story of potato chips in Saratoga! You can probably tell that it is a historical site with lots of culture.

Anyways, that is all that I have for today. See you next time!