

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 91

Hello everyone! Are you already writing down these words?

Biff, Chip and Kipper had spots. The doctor came. "Stay in bed," she said. Mom had spots. "Stay in bed too," said the doctor. Dad looked after everyone. He put the washing out. He went shopping. "What a job." said dad. Everyone got better. "Oh no," said mom. Dad had spots.

Uh, poor dad. Ok guys, see you next time.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 91

Hey guys, how are you doing? Let's see if Luke and his friends can rescue princess Leia.

The Stormtroopers corner Luke and his friends. Thinking fast, Leia grabs a blaster and blows open a garbage shoot. The heroes dive in and land in a giant trash compactor filled with stinky junk and a garbage monster.

Oh no! What's going to happen? Will they get killed by the garbage monster, or will they get crushed by the trash compactor?

Let's find out next time! See you guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 91

Hey guys how are you doing?

I've found something here that's related to a very interesting part of British history and the English language. Do you know who the Vikings were? Well, this is about Viking words in English. The Vikings were explorers from Scandinavia, today we call them Sweden. Denmark and Norway, who first travelled to the British Isles in the year 793. It was the start of around 300 years of contact between the two peoples. The Vikings brought with them their language *Old Norse*, and so many common English words that we use today are actually Viking words. "I want to speak like a Viking," you might say, well, *want* is from the Old Norse word *vanta*, meaning to lack or need. You See? You can already speak a little bit of Viking. Also, today we say *to go berserk*, meaning to be out of control with anger. The word berserk actually comes from the Old Norse *Berserka*, which means *bear-shirt*, a reference to Viking warriors who entered battle wearing only an animal skin. And *Berserka* is also the name of a very very famous manga series. There are lots of other interesting examples so maybe we'll take a look at some more next time.

And if you know of any, please let me know.

Alright guys, as always, study hard, stay safe and see you soon.