

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 916

Welcome back to PR Jr!

Today, I will be talking about passwords. Take a listen.

People sometimes need passwords when using the Internet. However, using the same password for a long time can be dangerous. Now, many websites ask people to change passwords more often, and by doing so they help people protect personal information. It is important that people kept strangers from seeing their personal information.

Well, that's all for today and I'll see you in class. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 916

Hi guys, what's up! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, we are going to continue reading "Darth Vader and Son" Let's begin!

Daddy Vader and Luke went to a desert on the hot, dry planet "Tatooine". Luke found a droid with a golden leg, but Daddy Vader was busy reading a magazine. Then, they went back home. Daddy Vader wanted to have a nap, but Luke disturbed his sleep. Luke was mad about his sister, Leia. Luke wanted to play with his toys, but Leia was using all of them. He became angrier and angrier, and finally said, "I don't want a sister!"

Daddy Vader really had his hands full.

That's all for today. How was it? Hope to see you soon! Bye.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 916

Hi guys! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I'd like to talk about an important point in the history of paintings.

In the 15th century, two important advances in painting were introduced. Prior to that time, most paintings were created on wood panels; however, in the second half of the century, many artists began to prefer linen canvas. The canvas offered several important advantages. Whereas wood panels were heavy and difficult to transport and hang, the lighter linen canvas could be rolled up for shipment and was relatively easy to transport, frame, and mount. Moreover, if patrons were at a distance from the artist, the finished work might have to be hauled in a cart. It was difficult to protect it from damage as it bumped along the primitive roads. In addition, the patrons were demanding larger and larger works and the large wood pieces had a tendency to crack. In contrast, the linen canvases could be stretched to almost any size and remained perfectly smooth.

Superior to previous paints, people started using oil paints. One of the most obvious improvements was the fact that the paint dried slowly, and thus, layers of paint could be brushed on top of previously applied layers, allowing the artist to erase a section that was not perfect. Another refinement was the range of consistencies possible with oils. Thin oil paints take on the characteristics of a glaze, but thick oils look like paste and can be layered to create a three-dimensional aspect.

Well, that's it. See you next time, bye-bye!