

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 946

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today's topic is "A Day at the Bookstore".

Miki is a university student in Osaka. She studies English. She loves to read, so she often visit[s] the city library.

Last Saturday, a new bookstore opened near her apartment, so she went there. It was big and beautiful. She looked at many kinds of books for two hours. She bought three books and one magazine. She enjoyed her day at the bookstore.

This is all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 946

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I'm going to talk about Harry Sewell. Let's begin!

Harry Sewell was the first premier of New Zealand. He was born in England in 1807. After he grew up, he became a lawyer and joined his father's office. In 1853, he moved to New Zealand as a member of the Canterbury Association. Their purpose was to put an area of New Zealand under the control of Britain. His efforts were largely successful and he came to have power in local government. At last, he became the first premier of New Zealand in 1856. However, Sewell did not have enough support from a part of the house. He left the position in just two weeks.

That is all for today. See you soon!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 946

Hello, my PR2 friends!

Today is Friday December 1st.

This isn't mandatory, but have you purchased your advent calendars for Christmas? Embarrassingly, I am not too familiar with them, but according to the Internet, you start opening them on the third. By the time this video is published, it may already be a couple days into the month, but I hope you are finding small moments to celebrate the holiday season.

Yesterday on November 30th, we learned that Henry Kissinger, the "most powerful US diplomat of the Cold War era," has passed away at 100 years old. He was a German-born Jewish refugee, who, after sensing the dangers of Nazism, fled to the U.S. in 1938. Kissinger won the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize for ending U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, but it was one of the most controversial ever. Two Nobel committee members resigned over the selection as questions arose about the secret U.S. bombing of Cambodia. North Vietnamese diplomat Le Duc Tho, selected to share the award, declined it.

Despite being a controversial political figure, Kissinger significantly contributed to American politics, helping Washington open up to China and forge arms control deals with the Soviet Union.

Even in his later life, he remained active, attending meetings in the White House, publishing a book on leadership, and testifying before a Senate committee about North Korea's nuclear threat.

May he rest in peace.

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