

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 995

Hello, everyone. Welcome to PR Junior.

This is Part One of the [story], *The New House*. Let's start.

A van came to the house. "What a big van!" said Chip.

"What a big man!" said Kipper.

The man looked at the things. "What a lot of things!" he said.

Mum and Dad helped the man. They put things in the van. "What a job!" said Dad. The children helped too.

That was the first part of the story. See you next time, bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 995

Hi, guys! Welcome to PR1.

Have you ever heard of the word[s] "Natural Selection"? This is a pretty famous term in [the] biology world.

Natural selection describes the biological process in which the differences of individuals within a population influence their abilities to survive and reproduce in an environment. The differences in individuals are a result of genetic inheritance from their parents. Sometimes, individuals inherit new characteristics from their parents that are advantageous for survival and reproduction in their environments. These advantageous characteristics tend to increase in frequency in the population, while those that are disadvantageous decrease in frequency. In a population, any characteristic which blocks reproduction success tends to decrease generation by generation. In time, the ill-adapted die out. On the other hand, the individuals who do survive and reproduce will tend to produce offspring which are better adapted to the environment.

That's all for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 995

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

A little while ago, I read a story about Hayao Miyazaki's latest film *The Boy and the Heron*, which is, of course, the English title, and today I'm going to read another story about the same film – and for very good reason! Take a listen to this:

Renowned Japanese anime giant Hayao Miyazaki won the prize for best animated film at the Golden Globe Awards ceremony on January 7<sup>th</sup>, marking his comeback as the winner of a major international contest. The 124-minute fantasy *The Boy and the Heron* marked the first time a film by a Japanese director has won the award since the category was created in 2007. Toshio Suzuki, producer of Studio Ghibli, Miyazaki's production company, expressed hope that the win will provide “bright news” amid unfortunate events in Japan since the start of the year.

Ah yeah, that is good news! And I'm sure it's a very well-deserved win, although I personally wouldn't know because I still haven't seen it. I couldn't really watch it in cinemas here in Japan because obviously there wouldn't be any English subtitles, and I would prefer to be able to understand exactly what's going on – so I've been waiting for a decent subtitled version. I may even watch the English dubbed version, because I've seen the voice cast and it's pretty incredible.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.