

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1056

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

This is the Part Three of *Pirate Adventure*. Take a listen!

“Look at the sand,” said Biff.

“Look at the sea,” said Chip.

“Come on,” they said.

They ran to the sea. Wilf picked up a shell. Chip picked up a coconut.

Biff climbed up a tree.

“This is magic,” they said.

They played on the sand. They played in the sea.

We will continue the fourth part in the next video. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1056

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today's topic is about a Painting robot! Are you ready? Let's begin!

FRIDA is a robot which can paint. It looks like a robotic arm with a brush. An operator tells FRIDA what concept it will paint. The robot then makes a plan of what to paint, and it prepares a palette. When the robot starts painting, an overhead camera checks its work. If FRIDA makes a mistake, it includes the splotch in the painting. It is the same thing [that] artists do. It is hard to say if FRIDA is a painter or not. Painters watch the world around them and listen to what people say, and they then distill their ideas into a painting. In a way, it is what the robot does, too.

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1056

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to another PR2 video.

Today we'll be talking about children[']s books and [their] stereotypes. Let's take a look!

If we ask someone, "Why do you give books to children?", [a] common answer would involve the use of words like "open" or "broaden", together with "minds", "heart", and "imagination[s]". However, many books for children do the opposite: they peddle stereotypes, close minds to new experiences, and offer limited horizons.

Children should feel free to choose their own interests, not feel that they're supposed to like or reject certain things. Typical themes for boys include robots, dinosaurs, astronauts, vehicles, football and pirates, whereas typical theme[s] for girls includes princesses, fairies, make-up, flowers, butterflies, fashion, and cute animals. There's nothing wrong with these things, but it is wrong when they are repeatedly presented as only for one gender. Girls can like pirates and adventures; boys can like magic and dressing up. Why tell them that boys' and girls' interests never overlap, that there are greater differences between genders than between individuals?

It is accepted practice to target products at one segment of the population, but when it comes to children's books it is morally questionable to promote gender stereotypes. Children take messages about what's for girls or for boys seriously. Therefore, it is important to give children the chance to explore new things and new ideas.

And that's it for today! See you next time!