

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 277

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have a letter about Lilly's puppies. Let's begin:

Dear Amy,

I am so happy! I have a dog. Her name is Lilly. Lilly is a big dog. She has brown fur. Her fur is soft. I have two baby dogs, too. They are Lilly's puppies. Puppies are young dogs. Lilly has two puppies. Their names are Pip and Po. Lilly is a good mum to them. Come and meet my dogs!

Your friend,

Gina

Well, that's all for today. Bye-bye.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 277

Hey, guys! How's it going?

I have another true story for you today.

Once, I met a pirate in a café. I could tell he was a pirate because he had a wooden leg, a hook for a hand, and an eyepatch. I'd always wondered how pirates got those injuries, so I asked him, "Excuse me. If you don't mind me asking, how did you lose your leg?" And the pirate said, "When one of my pirate ships capsized, a shark bit my leg off!" And I said, "Wow... what about your hand?" And he said, "Once in a viscous sword battle with another pirate, I won the fight, but I lost me* hand." And I said, "Oh, I see. What about the eyepatch?" And he said "Well, one time I was eating a grapefruit for breakfast and some of the juice squirted up into my eye." And I said, "Well, surely you wouldn't lose an eye just from grapefruit juice?" And he said, "No, no, but it was my first day with the hook."

So...

* 'me' is sometimes said instead of *my* in "pirate dialect"

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 277

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text about something called "Sick Building Syndrome". Let's find out what it is.

A World Health Organisation study has revealed that up to 30 percent of new or remodeled buildings could cause Sick Building Syndrome, or SBS. The syndrome, which is blamed on substandard air quality in enclosed spaces, is difficult to diagnose. This is because it results in not just one illness but a variety of eye, nose, and skin problems, chest and lung infections, and other symptoms that often resemble the common cold. It is often only when a sufferer is away from the "sick" building that it becomes clear SBS was to blame.

SBS poses significant problems in healthcare facilities. Some infections caused by SBS put patients with weakened immune systems at serious risk. The number of these infections could be reduced by improving the design of healthcare facilities and their ventilation systems. Mold, carbon monoxide, and toxic fumes from material such as flooring and paint all contribute to the poor air conditions that lead to SBS. Many hospitals try to address this by, for example, putting in flooring made from natural materials and using nontoxic cleaning products.

Wow, doesn't that sound pretty scary? Hmm, I think we should be more careful about ventilating our rooms, not just for Corona but also so we don't get this Sick Building Syndrome.

Well, thanks for tuning in today, and I'll see you next time. Bye-bye!