

第24回 小・中学生 尚綱英語暗唱大会 暗唱原稿

★ 指定課題文Ⅰ 小学4～6年生(個人の部)

Toad was sitting in his yard. Frog came along and said, "What's the matter? You look sad." Toad said, "Yes. This is my sad time of day. It's when I wait for the mail. It always makes me sad." "Why is that?" asked Frog. "Because I never get any mail," said Toad. "Nobody has ever sent me a letter. My mailbox is always empty. That's why waiting for the mail makes me sad."

Frog had an idea and said, "I have to go home now. There's something I must do." Frog rushed home and wrote a letter for his friend. Then Frog ran outside. He saw a snail that he knew and said, "Snail, please put this letter in Toad's mailbox." "Sure," said the snail. "Right away."

Then Frog ran back to Toad's house. Toad was in his bed. Frog said, "Toad, you should get up and wait for the mail again." "No," said Toad. "I'm tired of waiting." Frog said, "You never know when someone might send you a letter." "No," said Toad. "I don't think anyone will ever send me a letter."

Frog said, "But you may get a letter today." "Don't be silly", said Toad. "There won't be any mail today." "Oh, yes there will because I sent you a letter," said Frog. Toad said, "You did? What did you write in the letter?" Frog smiled, "I wrote that I'm happy that you are my best friend." Toad smiled and said, "Oh, that's a nice letter, Frog. Thank you." The two friends waited together for the mail for a long time.

Adapted from "Frog and Toad - The Letter" by Arnold Lobel

★ 指定課題文Ⅱ 小学4～6年生(ペアの部)

A: Hi 名前! That's a cool soccer ball. I like it! I haven't seen it before. Is it new?

B: Oh, hi, 名前! Yes. My parents bought this ball for me after we watched a lot of World Cup games together.

A: Oh, really? I watched the World Cup, too. My grandfather is crazy about soccer, so I watched many games with him. It was really interesting how three countries hosted it this year. The United States, Mexico, and Canada.

B: Yes, it was. The tournament was also expanded from 32 teams to 48 teams. This year's World Cup gave us more games than ever. For people who love soccer, it was great. We got to watch so much soccer!

A: For sure! Some games kept me on the edge of my seat! Seeing the best players in the world play for their countries was very exciting.

B: It sure was! I can see why soccer is the most popular sport in the world. All you need to play is a ball. I have mine. Do you want to play soccer with me in the park?

A: Sounds fun! I'll race you there! Let's practice passing and shooting. I want to get better just like the players we watched.

B: Good idea! The World Cup was exciting. It made me love soccer more. Let's play hard and have fun!



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★ 指定課題文Ⅲ 中学生(個人の部)

Once upon a time, there lived an old man and his wife. They worked hard, but their lives were not easy. Spring turned into a hot summer. The old couple said, "The Jizo statue near our home is also hot! He must surely want to take a shower." So every day, they went to that statue and poured water on it. The harvest season came. The old couple offered chestnuts and persimmons to the nearby Jizo statue and said, "Please eat this food. We had a good crop this year thanks to you."

A cold winter came and there was lots of snow. The old couple couldn't work in their fields, so they made straw hats inside their home. On New Year's Eve, the old woman said, "Tomorrow is New Year's Day, but we have no rice and cannot make rice cakes to celebrate." The old man said, "Well, I will go into town and sell these hats. With the money, I will buy some rice so that we can make rice cakes."

In town, the old man tried to sell his hats, but nobody bought them. When night came, he sadly went home. On the way home the old man found seven Jizo statues. He said, "You must be cold from the snow. I will give you my straw hats to help keep off the snow." The old man brushed off the snow and put a hat on each statue. There were seven statues, but he only had six hats. So he took off his head scarf and put it on the last statue. The old man then went home and told his wife about the statues. She smiled and said, "You did a good thing. I'm proud of you."

In the morning, the old couple were surprised to see that the seven Jizo statues had come to their home and brought them lots of rice. Thanks to the statues, the old couple could make rice cakes and celebrate New Year's Day.

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