

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1005

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Today we will be looking at what Lisa is doing every day.

Lisa is 15 years old. She goes to school, does her homework and meet[s] her friends. But between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, she does something different. She cooks dinner for her family, because cooking is her hobby. They like to eat pizza, vegetable soup, and cake.

That's all for today. See you next time, bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1005

Hello, everyone, and welcome back to PR1.

Have you ever noticed how the Amazon [Rain]forest is home to so many different animals? It's because of a few important reasons.

First, the Amazon [Rain]forest is really, really big! It stretches across many countries and has lots of different types of homes for animals. There are tall trees, winding rivers, and all sorts of places for animals to live.

Second, the animals in the Amazon [Rain]forest have been living there for a very long time. They've had a chance to adapt and change over millions of years to fit in perfectly with their environment.

Third, the rainforest's warm and wet climate provides a comfortable home for all kinds of creatures, from colorful parrots to sneaky jaguars.

That's all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1005

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, let's look at a piece of news about Japan to allow bureaucrats to work remotely in principle. Take a listen!

[The] Japanese government plans to allow bureaucrats to work remotely in principle if they wish to do so, according to an outline of guidelines to be issued by the end of next month.

Remote work has spread during the COVID-19 pandemic, but there have been no clear rules for bureaucrats. The government will release the guidelines on remote work as part of an effort to encourage more diverse ways of working among its employees.

The guidelines say that bureaucrats are allowed to work remotely if they want to unless government operations are affected, according to the outline.

Workers engaging in over-the-counter services and those working in shifts will not be allowed to work remotely. Newcomers who need to have face-to-face interactions for the time being will also have to commute to the office.

Those who work remotely will be asked to leave their children and dependents in the hands of caregivers to ensure that they focus on their duties.

Those in managerial positions will be asked to prevent their subordinates from working long hours from home as remote work tends to make it hard to draw a line between work and daily life.

About 2.89 million bureaucrats worked from home in fiscal 2020 during the pandemic, up some twentyfold from the previous year, according to a survey by the Cabinet Bureau of Personnel Affairs.

That's all for today. Bye!