

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1011

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

A couple of weeks ago, the weather got quite warm, and it felt like spring was already on the way! But then, it got very cold again and even snowed a little!

Are you looking forward to the spring weather? Or do you hope that winter will last a little longer?

For me, winter is mostly pretty rubbish, and I much prefer the warm weather of spring. I just hope it doesn't rain so much so I can actually enjoy it!

See you soon!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1011

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today we will be looking at dinosaur footprints.

There are many different sizes of footprints of dinosaurs. Some of them are very small and some of them are very large. These footprints were made millions of years ago when the ground was soft and wet. Later, sand filled the footprints. Time passed by and the ground and sand changed into stone. Then the footprints stayed in the stone. These days, scientists can understand a lot of things from footprints of dinosaurs. For example, the depth of the footprints helps them to know how heavy the dinosaur was. Scientists have also discovered a lot of footprints going in the same direction. This may mean that these dinosaurs traveled together in large groups.

That's it for today, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1011

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2!

Today I will talk about Japanese comedy and sense of humor. Let' begin!

Compared to comedy shows around the world, Japanese comedy and sense of humor is said to be very unique. For example, one characteristic point is that while social satire is popular and influential in the West, there are very few comedians in Japan that address socially sensitive themes such as politics or religion. This is because, in Japan, overtly funny stories and jokes are more likely to be widely accepted than funny takes on a single social issue and making a joke out of it.

But it might come as a shock to see owarai because Japanese comedy often includes mild violence, such as slapping the head as the tsukkomi pointing out the joke of the boke, and also making fun of a person's appearance.

Another difference is that in Japan, comedies are often performed by several comedians as a group such as comedy duos or comedy trios, whereas in the West, stand-up comedy is often performed by just one person.

You can experience Japanese comedy by going to a live Japanese owarai show. If you want to see live performances more easily, you can watch comedy shows that are often being broadcasted on TV. Owarai competitions in which comedians compete with each other with their stories to win are aired several times a year, and you can also watch these programs on TV.

That's all for today! See you!