

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 103

Hi, everyone! How are you?

I will read a few sentences from the Eiken level-five Etan.

The boy is reading a book about animals.

How many girls are sitting on chairs?

Don't read comic books now.

Can we read magazines now?

Please do not put your bag on the books.

Did you guys understand those sentences? I will see you next time. Bye!

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 103

Hi, everyone!

Welcome to PR1 dictation! Today I will use this book: *Australia and New Zealand*. And I am going to be reading a little bit on Canberra, which is where I am from! So, take a listen:

Canberra is in the Australia Capital Territory. Like many countries (for example, Brazil and the United States), Australia has a special part of the country which is just for its capital city. Canberra is the newest of the Australian cities, and its name is an Aboriginal word meaning 'meeting place'. It is also different from the other cities because it is a long way – 120 kilometers – from the sea, although it is on a river, the Molonglo.

So, did you guys learn something new about Canberra? What did you guys think of it?

Okay, I will see you guys in another video. Bye!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 103

Hey, everyone! How are you?

Welcome to PR2 dictation. Today I am going to be reading a passage from the Hitotsubashi University's past English entrance exam. The topic is on skin-whitening products used in Africa. I know that a lot of Japanese girls like to use skin-whitening products – skin-whitening creams, makeup, anything like that – but it's interesting to know that that same trend also happens in Africa so take a listen to this:

In Nigeria, where 77 percent of women use skin-lightening products, according to a recent World Health Organisation report, the mainstream African media, which is mostly male-dominated, projects a strong bias against the practice. Yes, 'black is beautiful', but so also is white, brown, yellow, and the many shades in between. When white people use tanning lotions, tanning rooms, and other methods to darken their skin, it is treated as natural and other white people don't feel the need to remind them that 'white is beautiful'. In fact, such a statement would likely be regarded as racist by members of other races. Yes, I understand that there was a specific historical context in the US and elsewhere which, at the time, required the use of the 'black is beautiful' slogan in order to boost black people's [sense] of self-[worth] and identity. But this is 2014 and we should have gotten beyond that by now. Or are [these] self-affirming slogans going to be needed by black people forever?

So, that was a little bit of insight into skin-whitening products in Africa. I will see you guys in another video. Bye!