

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1067

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, let's see how Ally gets ready for bed.

Before going to bed, Ally changes in to her pajamas and takes a bath. After taking a bath, she crawls into bed and picks out a bedtime story to read. She is going to read about Birds today. After reading, Ally snuggles into her blankets, ready to sleep. Good night everyone!

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1067

Hi, guys! This is PR 1.

Today let me tell you about New Year's Day around the world.

In Japan, New Year's Day is always on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We have a party with our family, and we eat special food: "Osechi".

In Iran, New Year's Day is not in January, it's in March. People always buy new clothes and clean their houses. They make special food, like meat and rice. They visit all the people in their families and give them presents. It's a very busy time.

Chinese New Year's Day is in January or February. The date is different every year.

It's [a] big celebration for 15 days, and people don't go to work.

They clean their houses and send cards to their friends.

That's all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1067

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR2.

Today I would like you to look at this news about the over-tourism in Kyoto and how the city is coping with it. Take a listen:

Kyoto, a beloved tourist hub, is grappling with challenges stemming from a surge in visitors, which impacts locals and the environment negatively. This influx, previously curbed by COVID-19, now brings back issues like overcrowded public transport and conflicts. To combat this, the city government introduced measures last autumn. They stopped selling certain one-day bus passes, urging tourists to use a new 1,000 yen subway and bus pass to ease bus congestion. Additionally, they promote a park-and-ride system to reduce traffic near attractions.

Efforts to reach tourists, especially from regions reliant on private vehicles, include using social media and increasing parking fees near popular sites like Kiyomizu Temple. The city also encourages "empty-handed tourism" to lessen bus congestion by discouraging large bags. They've updated their website to help tourists find places to store belongings. Early reports suggest fewer passengers are carrying large bags. The city plans to intensify efforts, emphasizing steady communication to enhance visitor experiences. They'll continue to analyze traffic data for future improvements.

That's all for the article. Do you think these solutions are effective? If you don't think so, please later tell me your ideas!

That's all for today. See you!