

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 137

Hello, everyone!

Are you writing?

Wilf's dad wanted a party. He put up some lights. Wilma and Dad made a barbecue. The dads lit the fire. The fire went out. The children were hungry. The dads lit the fire again. It began to rain. The dads cooked burgers. The children were fed up. The burgers burned. "Yuk!" said Chip. Oh, no! The dads got wet. "Hooray!" said the children.

Ha! Okay, guys, see you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 137

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So, our hero, Luke, wasn't able to finish his Jedi training because the old master, Yoda, passed away. Will he be ready to face his father, Darth Vader? And what about the new Death Star? Let's continue now...

Luke rejoins his friends on the Rebel convoy in space. The commander of the Rebel fleet, Admiral Akbar, has a plan to destroy the new Death Star. Lando will lead the space attack in the *Millennium Falcon*. Han, Luke, and Leia will lead a strike team to the moon of Endor to disable the force shield.

Ooh! So, the Rebels have their own plan of attack! Let's see how it goes next time.

See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 137

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, speaking of feeling safe, I recently talked about the Japanese government's plan to administer the coronavirus vaccine for free when it does finally become available. I don't think we can really feel a hundred percent relaxed about or safe from the coronavirus pandemic until such a time that we can get vaccinated, but, in the meantime, there are some pretty cool developments in ways of protecting us from the virus. Take a listen to this:

Major Japanese light-equipment maker Ushio Incorporated has recently launched an ultraviolet lamp that says it can kill the coronavirus without harming human health – the first of its kind in the world. The Care 222 UV lamp, which Ushio developed together with Columbia University, is expected to be used for disinfection at public spaces, such as trains, elevators, and offices, where there is high foot traffic and a high risk of contracting the virus that causes COVID-19, according to the company. UV lamps have been widely used as an effective means of sterilization, but conventional UV rays cannot be used in spaces where there are people, as they cause skin cancer and eye problems.

Ah, so that sounds like a good idea, doesn't it? I try my best to avoid crowded spaces, but with elevators and trains especially, it becomes pretty difficult. So, this looks like a good step!

Alright, guys, well until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.