

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 145

Hello, everyone!

Try to write every word.

Dad took Kipper to school. A lady was painting the wall. Kipper ran into the playground. There was a drawing on the wall. It was a drawing of Kipper. Mrs. May was cross. The children were painting. Kipper had an idea. The children painted faces. The wall looked good! Everyone liked it. "Good for Kipper!" everyone said.

Okay, guys, see you next time!

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 145

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, our heroes teamed up with the Ewoks on Endor, while Lando and the other Rebels prepared to attack the new Death Star. Timing was crucial. Let's continue now:

The stormtroopers aren't prepared for enemies as small as the Ewoks. The Ewoks' simple traps made from logs and rocks overwhelm the Imperial Walkers. Han, Leia, and Chewbacca storm the bunker and disable the shield. Lando can now destroy the Death Star.

So, the Rebels are ready to make their attack! But will it work? Let's find out next time!

Alright, guys, see you soon!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 145

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, Japan is often considered to be a fairly advanced country, and Tokyo in particular is thought to be a modern and cutting-edge city, but there are still some aspects of Japanese society that might be a bit old fashioned. And one of those things, I think, is the hanko stamp. But take a listen to this:

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga instructed his government October 9<sup>th</sup> to draw plans to stop using hanko seals on administrative documents, a tradition that has been criticized as outdated and necessitating face-to-face interaction that risks spreading the coronavirus. The move, part of Suga's push to improve bureaucratic efficiency, is expected to lead to more government services becoming available online. Hanko are widely used in Japan for signing contracts, business transactions, and various administrative procedures.

Ah, finally! If you ask me, I think this has been a long time coming. Now, don't get me wrong, I quite like the fact that some aspects of traditional culture are still used in the modern day – and I actually quite enjoy using my own hanko seal. But I do think it's pretty outdated and, in some cases, potentially problematic. But let me know what you think, okay?

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