

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 191

Hello, everyone!

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a lovely time during the Christmas and New Year period.

In England, we usually don't do anything special on New Year's Day. We just celebrate the new year by having a party on New Year's Eve. But this year, I didn't do anything – I just stayed at home. But what about you? Did you go somewhere? Did you visit someone? Did you do or eat anything special? Please let me know, okay?

Alright, guys, see you soon!

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 191

Hey, guys! Happy New Year!

Did you have a fun winter break?

This year's New Year's period might not have been as exciting as previous years for some of you, because there are still a lot of things we can't do, but I hope you still had a nice time with your families. In England, we don't really have any specific New Year's traditions, besides the countdown itself, and New Year's Day is mostly spent recovering from the New Year's Eve parties. Although, I suppose there weren't so many parties this year, which is kind of a shame. But hopefully, this new year will start to get better. So, let's hope 2021 is a much better year for everyone.

Okay, guys, see you next time!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 191

Hey, guys! Happy New Year!

Hope you all had a lovely break and are still trying to stay healthy and safe.

A lot of what I was going to say is actually covered in this article, so I'm just going to read some of it out.

A recurrent theme toward the end of 2020 was widespread relief at the end of a difficult year, but 2021 will bring its own challenges. Millions of people will receive one of the new vaccines against COVID-19. Economies will recover, perhaps even quickly, and travel and small businesses will open up again, rejuvenating the global tourism industry and local economies. In Japan, the vaccine rollout will be even more important. Not only will it start later than in many advanced nations, but there will be pressure to complete it before the 2021 Olympics and Paralympics.

Hmm, yes, "pressure" indeed! The headline of this article is actually "As the world reopens in 2021, plenty of challenges await." I'm not sure how much reopening will be happening any time soon, seeing as the number of coronavirus cases seems to be increasing again pretty much everywhere, including Japan. And the UK just entered a brand new lockdown yesterday. So, perhaps the tone of this article is a little naïve, and maybe even misleading, but, that being said, it's still very important to remain optimistic, isn't it?

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