

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 20

Yukana: It's such nice weather today!

Tim: Yeah, it's so sunny and warm. It really feels like summer.

Yukana: I really want to go to the park.

Tim: Hmm, me too. But I think we shouldn't go to the park these days because we should try to practice social distancing.

Yukana: Hmm, that's right.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 20

Yukana: It's such a nice day today.

Tim: Yeah, it's so sunny and warm; it's finally starting to feel like summer.

Yukana: Yeah, I really wanna [want to] go to the park.

Tim: Yeah, me too but... it's probably not a good idea to go to the park at the moment because of social distancing.

Yukana: Yeah, but the park is an open space so we won't be close to other people. So, I guess it's fine?

Tim: Yeah, but if everybody thought that, then the park would become just as crowded as it always is. So... that's not good, is it?

Yukana: No, I guess not. I think I'll just have to sunbathe in my garden.

Tim: You have a garden??

Yukana: Yes, don't you?

Tim: No. I live in a tiny, tiny box.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 20

Tim: It's pretty hard to find any news that isn't related to the coronavirus these days, huh?

Robin: Yeah, it's pretty heavy.

Tim: Oh, but here's something, though. Listen to this. Bizarre Spinosaurus makes history as first known swimming dinosaur. A newfound fossil tail from this giant predator stretches our understanding of how – and where – dinosaurs lived. At the end of a dim hallway in Casablanca's Universite Hassan II, I've walked into a dusty room containing a remarkable set of fossils – bones that raise foundational questions about *Spinosaurus aegyptiacus*, one of the weirdest dinosaurs ever discovered. For decades, reconstructions of its bulky body have ended in a long, narrowing tail like the ones on its many theropod cousins. These newly discovered bones assemble into a mostly complete tail, the first yet found for *Spinosaurus*. Described today in the journal *Nature*, this tail is the most extreme aquatic adaptation ever seen in a large dinosaur. Oh, that's pretty cool.

Robin: That's interesting but, Tim, how old are you again?

Tim: Huh? I'm over thirty, why?

Robin: And you're still into dinosaurs??

Tim: Hey! You're never too old to think that dinosaurs are cool.