

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 205**

Hmm, it's getting pretty cold these days, isn't it?

Yeah, I hope it snows soon.

Yeah, me too– wait, no! No, no, no, no! I don't want it to snow at all!

Why not? Don't you like the snow?

Well, I don't mind looking at it from far away. It's very beautiful in the countryside, but in the city, it just causes problems.

Like what?

Well, the trains get delayed, my shoes get ruined...

But I've never seen snow before. It always looks so magical in the movies.

Hmm, magical – but annoying.

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 205**

Hey, guys! It's me, Tim.

And Patty.

And we are going to read another dialogue from an Eiken 2 listening question, so see how much you can understand.

Here are the ticket machines, Mark. You'll find them at most train stations in Japan. They're usually near the ticket gates.

I see. Could you show me how to use one, Hinako?

Sure. First push this button for instructions in English. Then choose the correct fair for your destination. Finally, pay for the ticket by putting in your money here.

I see. That doesn't look too difficult.

What about you, Tim? Do you find ticket machines easy to use?

Yes, but they are sometimes a little embarrassing.

Why is that?

Well, when I select the English option, it suddenly announces all the instructions very loudly, so everyone can hear.

Hmm. Well, Tim, maybe you should just study Japanese more.

...Well, see you.

Bye-bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 205**

Hello, guys! How are you doing today?

Now, let's continue reading about apes and the famous incident at the Cincinnati Zoo from the Tokyo Medical and Dental University entrance exam. Are you ready?

The behavior is mostly bluster: If Harambe had been intent on killing the boy, Dr. Hrdy said, as an interloping male gorilla might kill the babies sired by the silverback he just deposed – the quicker to claim the resident females for himself – “he would have done it in seconds,” probably with a bite to the skull. Nevertheless, the strut introduced risks of its own, particularly when Harambe began dragging the boy around the enclosure, as a displaying gorilla will sometimes drag around a large branch. Dr. Watts, who said he had been “punched, knocked over, and dragged” by male gorillas but never seriously injured, wishes he had been at the Cincinnati Zoo as the crisis unfolded. He would have volunteered to enter the enclosure and assume a submissive fetal position on the floor to try drawing the gorilla's attention from the boy. He admits he is engaging in a kind of Monday morning strut-display of his own.

Alright, guys, let's see what happens next time.

Now, take care and I will see you soon.