

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 211

Hi, guys! Welcome to PR Junior!

My name is Doina, and this dog right here is Marley. Today, we will be reading about Marley's big adventure. Let's start!

Marley woke up his family one morning with a RUFF, RUFF, RUFF.

"Bad dog, Marley," said Daddy. "It's too soon to wake up."

Okay, that's all for today. I wonder: What else will Marley do? We'll continue the story next time. See you!

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 211

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, the clone army arrived to support the Jedi in their battle against the droid army. But the Separatist leader Count Dooku got away! Let's see what happens now...

Obi-Wan and Anakin soon catch up with the villain and try to stop him. But Count Dooku is a Sith Lord, a master of the dark side of the Force. The two Jedi knights fight bravely but, with his crimson lightsaber, Dooku quickly defeats them both.

Oh, wow! He defeated Anakin and Obi-Wan at the same time? He must be really powerful!

Let's see what happens next time!

Bye, guys!

**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 211**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, with this pandemic, one of the things that the Japanese public doesn't have to think or worry about quite so much, and, perhaps, one of the reasons that Japan has still done fairly well with its case numbers when compared to other densely populated countries, is mask-wearing. Because wearing a mask is normalized here, businesses, local governments, or individual spokespersons don't have to work as hard to persuade people to wear a mask. But there are still people who are reluctant and even refuse to do so, which can sometimes land them in a lot of trouble. Take a listen to this:

A person taking the standardized university entrance exams was disqualified January 16<sup>th</sup> for refusing to cover their nose with a face mask in violation of rules set by the exam operator to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The operator said January 17<sup>th</sup> the test-taker in Tokyo disobeyed exam supervisors' instructions to cover their nose, despite being told to do so seven times in total. It did not disclose the student's gender or age. The exams held at 681 venues across Japan drew a total of 535,245 applicants.

Oh dear. Now, I don't think any of you would be so foolish as to repeatedly refuse an order to put your mask on properly, especially in such an important setting, but it's still worth keeping in mind, I think.

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