

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 230**

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I want to tell you about my friend Tom's weekly schedule. Let's begin:

On Monday, Tom has piano lessons. On Tuesday, Tom comes to Inter-TOMAS. On Wednesday, Tom has swimming lessons. On Thursday, Tom comes to Inter-TOMAS again. On Friday, Tom has drawing lessons. And on Saturday and Sunday, Tom has nothing. The weekends are his days off.

That's all for today. Bye-bye! And I'll see you next time!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 230**

Hi, everybody! How are you?

Today, I'll be a newscaster! Take a listen to this:

This is Inter-Tomas Evening News. Here is today's local weather report. It is 20 degrees and sunny right now – the temperature will reach 23 degrees by noon. The weather will change in the afternoon and there will be a [storm]. The [storm] will last until about 8 o'clock and much rain will fall. So, you had better bring your umbrella or raincoat. Tonight's temperature will be about 11 degrees. You should go outside and look at the stars because the sky will be really clear after the [storm].

Reporting from Tokyo, we'll see you tomorrow.

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 230

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have a text about the Wow signal. Let's find out what it is.

The "Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence" (S.E.T.I.) is the name for various projects that are on the lookout for any signs of intelligent alien life in outer space. One project included in S.E.T.I. scans the skies around the clock checking for radio signals from other planets. Indeed, many ordinary people download programs onto their computers and laptops that help in this search. The nearest thing to such a signal that has been intercepted so far, however, is one that was detected by an amateur astronomer in 1977 at Ohio State University. The signal was 30 times more powerful than the average, and the astronomer was so stunned by it that he wrote a big "Wow!" on the transcript. Since then, it has been designated the Wow signal.

Although some people hailed the signal as the first real sign of alien intelligence, others were more doubtful that it constituted an authentic message. Unfortunately, as it was never repeated, it was impossible to narrow down its source. Although it has been conjectured that the signal was merely a natural phenomenon, many experts believe it cannot be brushed off so easily. In 2012, a television channel in the U.S. decided to dispatch a signal back into space just in case. They assembled a number of messages, some serious and some humorous, from the public. The most mischievous message included was one by a well-known comedian, Stephen Colbert, which begged the aliens not to eat us if they decide to visit Earth.

Well, isn't that interesting? That's all for today, and I'll see you next time. Bye-bye!