

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 237

Hi, guys!

Do you remember how last time Marley really wanted to play fetch. Well, let's continue the story.

"Not now, Marley!" Emma said. "I have to work on my project for school. I am making a solar system model."

After saying that, Emma went to her mom. She wanted to ask for advice.

Okay, let's stop here. Looks like Marley has to wait for a while!

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 237

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, we and our hero Anakin found out that Chancellor Palpatine was actually the evil Darth Sidious this whole time. What a terrible twist! Let's see what happens now:

The leader of the Jedi Council, Mace Windu, tries to arrest Darth Sidious, but Anakin stops the Jedi master. He wants to learn how to save Padme. The Sith Lord sends Mace Windu crashing through a window. Anakin kneels before his new master.

Oh, no! So, Anakin has crossed over to the Dark Side! He was deceived and manipulated by the evil Darth Sidious. Let's see what happens next time...

Bye, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 237

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, the good news that's been going around recently is that several COVID-19 vaccines are ready to go, and are already being administered in numerous countries. But, as a lot of people have pointed out, the rollout of the COVID vaccines in Japan will be painfully slow in comparison. And another problem – or, perhaps, the cause of the first problem – is that a lot of people are still reluctant to take it. Take a listen to this:

Over 40% of a recently surveyed group of older Japanese people said they are unsure whether they will receive the coronavirus vaccine. The online survey conducted in early February on 423 older people who require home nursing care but do not suffer from dementia showed 43% were unsure about receiving shots while 15% were against it entirely. Through their caregivers, they cited worries about side effects and doubts about the effectiveness of the vaccines.

Now this just seems silly. I understand that the thought of side effects can be quite scary, but what's worse: feeling pretty ill for a few days after getting a jab, or perpetuating the risk of contracting a deadly virus – not just for you but for those around you, some of whom might be less likely to survive it – and generally dragging out these annoying lockdown restrictions due to unnecessarily delaying herd immunity? The latter definitely seems worse and so the choice is pretty simple to me, but let me know what you think, okay?

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