

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 250

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have the next part of the story about Jen and her dog, Max. Let's begin:

"I hate mice," the giant said. "There are so many mice in my house."

"I have an idea," said Jen. "My dog Max can help. If you have a box and a net, he will catch the mice for you."

"I have a brown box and a blue net. Here! Use them," said the giant.

Max the dog started singing.

I wonder what will happen next. We'll have to find out next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 250

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have a conversation between two friends. One of them is giving advice to the other.

Keep an ear out for what he decides to do in the end.

Hi, John! What's wrong? You don't look well.

Hi, Saki. I overslept this morning and I forgot about a lunch date with my girlfriend.

That's too bad. What happened?

I stayed up late doing homework.

I see. Why not go to lunch with her tomorrow?

I can't do that. She's really angry and I'm very busy tomorrow.

How about sending her flowers?

That's a good idea. I'll try doing that. Thanks.

No problem.

Okay, well, that's all for today, and we'll see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 250

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have yet another space-related news story for you here that may be a little more interesting than certain previous examples, but take a listen and see what you think:

Scientists have spotted a planet orbiting a star relatively near our solar system that may offer a prime opportunity to study the atmosphere of a rocky Earth-like alien world – the type of research that could aid the hunt for extraterrestrial life. The researchers said on March 4th that the planet, called Gliese 486 b and classified as a “super-Earth”, is not itself a promising candidate as a refuge for life. But its proximity to Earth and its physical traits make it well suited for a study of its atmosphere using the next generation of space-borne and ground based telescopes, starting with the James Webb Space Telescope that NASA has slated for an October launch.

Oh! So, this planet isn't somewhere that the human race can go on a mass exodus to if and when we eventually have to leave our own planet, as many sci-fi movies have foretold, but the fact that it's very similar to Earth in many ways could mean that there are already things living there... very exciting!

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