

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 256**

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR junior.

Now, our story leads us back to Marley's family.

"I will show you the garage," said the chief.

He led the family back to the rooms of the firehouse. Oh, no! Every room was a mess!

Oh, no. It seems like something happened in the firehouse. We'll find out next time.

See you!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 256**

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have some daily conversation between two friends about how to get to a destination and past experiences. Let's take a listen:

Let's take the bus to the gym today.

It's sunny, so why don't we ride our bikes?

Sorry, mine is broken. Do you want to walk?

OK!

By the way, have you ever lived in another country?

Yes, I moved to Japan when I was nine.

Were you there for a long time?

For six years. I came back when I was 15. What about you?

I lived in Saudi Arabia for three years because of my dad's job. We had a pet tiger back then.

Wow!

Yeah... he was pretty cool but we had to leave him behind when we came back to America.

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

**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 256**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe because yes, we are still in a pandemic and Japan's case numbers don't exactly seem to be decreasing of late. Nevertheless, the country is now apparently no longer in a state of emergency, as this article explains. So, take a listen:

Japan ended the COVID-19 state of emergency at midnight March 21<sup>st</sup> in the Tokyo metropolitan region, the last remaining area of the country that had been under the measure since early January. The emergency in Tokyo and neighboring Kanagawa, Chiba, and Saitama prefectures was lifted despite concern that the country could see a resurgence as it gears up for the academic and business year. Local authorities will continue to ask restaurants to close early until the end of March, while pushing back the time to 9pm.

Hmm, well I can definitely understand those concerns, considering that there hasn't seemed to have been much change recently. I think the state of emergency was a good idea and, of course, case numbers are much lower now than they were at the start of the year. But I haven't noticed any difference in people's social activity or behavior since the state of emergency was lifted, which is something you'd expect if there were actually strict restrictions in place during the state of emergency.

Hmm, well, hopefully things will improve, but in the meantime, study hard, stay safe and I'll see you soon.