

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 258

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to Tomas!

Today, I am going to talk to you about my everyday schedule.

I wake up at 7am. I eat yoghurt for breakfast and drink coffee. After that, I study. At 2pm, I come to Tomas. After classes, I buy groceries, go back home, make dinner, and eat. After I eat, I study. [Lastly], I take a bath and go to sleep.

This is all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 258

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1!

Today, I have a diary entry written by a boy who is excited for his summer trip. Take a listen to this:

My family has arranged a trip to Sweden this summer. We will hire a boat and sail to a nearby island. My father has made a reservation to stay at a castle on the island, where we will be guests of a local family. I think staying with a family is more interesting than going on a holiday tour like a typical tourist. I think it will turn out to be a wonderful vacation.

I'll see you next time. Bye!

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Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, one of the biggest talking points in Japan and, indeed, the rest of the world over the past two years has been the Tokyo Olympic Games. It looks like the rescheduled 2021 Games are going ahead and this article all but confirms that, so take a listen:

The torch relay for this summer's Tokyo Olympics had a quiet start March 25th, going first through towns most affected by a nuclear meltdown a decade ago in Fukushima Prefecture, amid public health worries over the coronavirus. The opening ceremony of the nationwide relay at the J-Village soccer training center was held without spectators as a precaution against the spread of the coronavirus. About 10,000 torchbearers will run through 859 municipalities over 121 days in all 47 prefectures.

Hmm. It's interesting they talk about precautions against the spread of the coronavirus – and maybe a little ironic, or even hypocritical – when you consider that the Games themselves will involve welcoming a whole bunch of athletes and their handlers and PR and press teams, who will all be flying into Japan and then gathering in the same small spaces, which doesn't really seem like it will limit the spread of the coronavirus but, hey, I guess we'll just have to see how it goes.

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