

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 26

- Tim:** Do you have a lot of games on your phone?
Hana: Yeah, I love playing smartphone games.
Tim: How often do you play smartphone games?
Hana: I play games on my smartphone every day.
Tim: I only have one game on my phone.
Hana: What game is that?
Tim: It's Pokémon GO: the coolest and best smartphone game.

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- Tim:** So, uh, what have you been doing lately?
Hana: Oh, I've just been playing smartphone games every day.
Tim: Hmm, yeah, I don't really play smartphone games. I only have one game on my phone.
Hana: Oh, what's that?
Tim: Pokémon GO.
Hana: You're still playing Pokémon GO? Nobody plays that anymore.
Tim: Well, I do! I think it's just a really nice, fun, simple game. But I guess it's pretty hard to play it these days, because that game involves finding pokémon by walking around and exploring, and I can't really do that while I'm staying home.
Hana: Yeah—oh, that's too bad. I guess you should start playing another, cooler game.

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Hey, guys!

Me again.

I've got another little bit of positive news here that I thought I might share with you so listen to this:

Decked out in full firefighting gear, Elielson Silva stands about 45 meters above the ground atop a retractable ladder poking up from a red firetruck. His lofty perch is about as high as Rio de Janeiro's colossal Maracana soccer stadium behind him. Silva faces a row of apartment buildings filled with Brazilians sheltering from the coronavirus and watching from their windows and balconies. He raises his silver trumpet to his lips and the notes soar toward his audience, helping extinguish the blues they feel from being cooped up inside their homes.

Oh, that's nice isn't it?

Now, do you know what "blues" means? Some of you may know that it's a type of music. But the name for that genre of music originally comes from a word that means [refers to] feeling sad, or depressed, or hopeless. And so that's what this word in this sentence means. So, he is helping to extinguish people's sad feelings. So, he's doing a great thing! What a cool guy!

Alright, guys. Stay safe, stay home, and see you soon.