

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 275**

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I have a text about Tom's new video game. Let's begin:

Hi, Jim.

I have a new video game. It's called "Super Race 2". It's a fun racing game. You can drive a big or a small car. It comes with a wheel. The car moves when you use the wheel. You can drive on the highway, or in the city. We can play together! Come over soon!

Your friend, Tom.

Well, that's all for today. Bye-bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 275**

Hi, guys! How are you? Welcome to PR1.

I cannot visit my grandparents during this Golden Week because of the coronavirus situation. So, I decided to write a letter to them. Take a listen to this:

Dear Grandma and Grandpa,

How are you? I'm very busy these days. I have piano lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. I usually take the train to school, but I walk from school to my piano teacher's house. After the lesson, I ride the bus home. My father is very happy about my new lessons. In March, he bought a piano for me. Sometimes my mother plays the piano, too!

See you next time!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 275

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have some more news relating to the coronavirus pandemic here because, well, we're still very much in the throws of it and it would be foolish to pretend otherwise, so take a listen:

Japan will secure enough COVID-19 vaccines for all residents aged 16 or older by the end of September, vaccine chief Taro Kono said April 18<sup>th</sup>, as Pfizer has accepted Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga's request to supply additional doses of the shots. "They have agreed on the essentials of the matter," Kono said during a TV interview on Fuji TV, adding that further details, including the shipment schedule, will be discussed later.

Huh. Well, I guess that's good news, but don't forget that other advanced nations' vaccination programs are already well underway. Now, a lot of countries with the highest vaccination rates are also the countries that had some of the highest infection rates, but even so, Japan's vaccine rollout has been embarrassingly slow. I seem to remember in a previous video, I read a story that mentioned the government's plan to have the entire population vaccinated before the start of the summer Olympics, but if those vaccines won't even arrive until September, then that plan seems a little unrealistic in hindsight, doesn't it?

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