

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 291

Hi, guys! Welcome back.

In our story, it appears that Daddy has some new rules, also.

Daddy looked at Marley. "Your rules are simple," he told him. "Sit. Stay. Got it?"

"Ruff!" Marley barked.

Then Emma laughed. "If Marley messes up, we'll call a strike on him!"

Okay, that's it for today. It seems like a fun game is about to start. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 291

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Welcome back to PR1. Today, I have a text about a very famous parade in the United States.

Take a listen:

The Rose Parade is America's most famous parade. It started more than a century ago in 1890. It is held on New Year's Day in California. Many volunteers decorate cars with colorful flowers and make floats. It takes volunteers many months to finish the decorations. Many high school and college bands take part in the parade. Band members follow behind cars on foot while they play their instruments loudly. The parade is five and a half miles long. It is a custom every year for many Americans to watch the parade on TV.

Well, I feel sorry for the bands because they have to walk five and a half miles while playing an instrument! That sounds very tiring.

Well, that's all for today and I'll see you in class. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 291

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

In a recent dictation video – although not, I don't think, a PR2 one – I complained about the upcoming weather forecast being mostly filled with rain and postulated that the rainy season had started early. Well, according to this front-page news story, it looks like I was right. Take a listen:

The rainy season this year is beginning for some western and central parts of the Japanese archipelago weeks earlier than usual, recording the earliest starting date in some regions since statistics became available in 1951. According to preliminary figures released by the Meteorological Agency, the Kinki region – which includes Osaka, Hyogo, and Kyoto – and other surrounding prefectures likely entered the rainy season May 16th, 25 days earlier than last year. The premature start of the rainy season is unfolding nationwide.

Ah! Well, hopefully, this early start to the rainy season also means that it will end early, too, and not just continue all the way through summer like it seemed to do last year.

Fingers crossed, I guess!

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