

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 295**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have a true-and-false quiz for you. Let's begin:

True or false: camels store drinking water in their humps. Can it be true?

It's false! Camels don't store water in their humps. They store fat. The fat in the humps keep the camels alive when there is no food.

Did you know that? Have you ever seen a camel in real life before?

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

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 295**

Hi, guys! How are you doing?

Welcome back to PR1. Today, I have a text about Michigan State. Keep an ear out for what sort of place it is.

Michigan is the eleventh largest state in the U.S. Michigan is famous for making cars and the five Great Lakes. Many fruits are grown there, too. Cherries and apples are the most popular. Michigan grows the most cherries in the U.S. In the fall, many stores are full of cherry pies, dried cherries, cherry juice, and other cherry desserts. The McIntosh apple is the most common kind of apple in Michigan. It is bright red, round, and very sweet. You can go to a farm and pick your own apples to bring home. Many people from Michigan especially like red things.

Do you like cherries and apples? Because I sure do! Well, that's all for today and I'll see you in class. Bye-bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 295**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic still rages on here in Japan, and while daily case numbers have been a little bit up and down lately, there's still no sign of them significantly decreasing and so we really need that vaccine sooner rather than later.

Take a listen to this:

Authorities started accepting online bookings May 17<sup>th</sup> for older people to receive COVID-19 vaccines at large state-run centers in Tokyo and Osaka, as Japan tries to accelerate its rollout amid a fourth wave of infections. Residents of the capital's 23 wards aged 65 or older became able to book appointments via the Defense Ministry's website and the Line message app service at around 11am, before the launch of the mass vaccination center in central Tokyo on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Bookings for a similar vaccination center in the city of Osaka, also set to open on May 24<sup>th</sup>, started at 1pm.

Huh. So, while many other advanced nations have already vaccinated a large percentage of their populations, and my hometown, for example, now has walk-in test centers where anybody – regardless of their age – can go and get themselves vaccinated, Japan is only just now starting to administer the vaccine to the older population. Dear me...

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