

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 297**

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to Inter-Tomas.

Today, I am going to talk to you about cats.

Cats make cuddly pets and they talk to you, too. A meow can mean “play with me” or “stroke me”. A loud meow could mean “feed me!” Cats can be bossy! Cats are sleepy pets. They sleep for about fifteen hours every day.

Would you buy a cat?

See you next time!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 297**

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Welcome back to PR1. Today, I have a text about e-readers. Take a listen:

These days, the e-reader is becoming popular. An e-reader is something for reading electronic books called ‘e-books’. The average size of an e-reader is about the same as one regular book, but it can be filled with hundreds of books. E-readers are very light and comfortable to hold. People can read novels, magazines, news from the internet, and even university textbooks on them. It is not necessary to recharge it often; if someone uses an e-reader once a day for about thirty minutes, that person can use it for about two months without recharging. E-readers are becoming very useful and common.

Do you have an e-reader? Well, that’s all for today and I’ll see you next time. Bye-bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 297**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I recently read a story about a new Gundam statue being revealed in China, and today I have another, quite different story relating to Gundam – this time involving the popular plastic model kits. Take a listen to this:

Fans of Mobile Suit Gundam plastic scale models can now recycle the unwanted frames by giving them to the toymaker, Bandai Namco Holdings Incorporated. Hobbyists can leave the plastic frames at about 190 collection points across Japan. The collection points are in model shops and game centers run by Bandai Namco. The company plans to reuse the discarded plastic waste to make other plastic products, including more of the Gundam scale models. Bandai Namco said it uses about 7,000 tons of plastic every year to make its flagship Gundam plastic models. Up to 2,000 tons of that plastic is frame waste. "Gunpla is a product much loved by many people, so we launched this recycling project with a desire to create a sustainable society together with fans," a spokeswoman said.

Hm. Well, that sounds like good news! I have very strong opinions on Japan's approach to and general attitude towards plastic use that I won't go into here, but suffice to say this seems like a positive step.

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