

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 31

- Hana:** Tim! What's the first thing you want to do after the coronavirus goes away?
- Tim:** Hmm... I want to go back to all my favorite restaurants and eat all the delicious food that I've been missing! What about you?
- Hana:** I want to go back to the gym and I also want to start playing soccer with my team again. I can't wait to get healthy again.
- Tim:** I can't wait to eat burgers again.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 31

- Tim:** What are you most looking forward to doing once this is all over?
- Hana:** I'm looking forward to being able to travel again.
- Tim:** Ah, really?
- Hana:** Hm...You see, I like Tokyo, but at the moment, I kind of feel trapped here. I can't wait to go and visit other parts of Japan and other countries.
- Tim:** That does sound nice.
- Hana:** What about you, Tim?
- Tim:** Well, I'm just looking forward to being able to see my friends again.
- Hana:** Friends? What friends?
- Tim:** I used to hang out with my friends quite often before...
- Hana:** But you don't have any f--
- Tim:** But these days I'm just staying home every weekend, eating dinner by myself, watching movies by myself, and just being by myself all the time.
- Hana:** So, pretty much the same as usual then.
- Tim:** No! ...Yeah.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 31

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Are you all staying home and staying safe? Excellent.

Now, we all know that wearing a mask is pretty normal here in Japan, but it's not such normal behavior in other countries. Even now, during the coronavirus pandemic, not that many people in countries outside of Asia are wearing masks. But listen to this:

The British government performed an about-face on masks May 11th, telling people to cover their mouth and nose in shops, buses and subway trains. The change came as part of what Prime Minister Boris Johnson called the "first careful measures" to lift a nationwide lockdown imposed seven weeks ago to slow the spread of the new coronavirus. The government outlined cautious steps to ease restrictions in a 51-page document, including advice on wearing face coverings and a 14-day quarantine for most international arrivals.

Hmm, what do you think? Is that good news? Or is it too little, too late? Let me know what you think next time, OK?

Alright, guys, stay safe and see you soon.