

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 316**

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to Inter-Tomas.

Today, I am going to talk to you about food chains.

All living things are part of food chains. Yes, all living things – big and small; plants and animals. A food chain is made when one living thing eats another living thing. And that living thing eats another. And that living thing eats another. But why do living things eat each other? Well, all living things need food. It helps them grow and gives them energy.

This is all for today! See you!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 316**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I have the last part of the story called *The Laboratory*. Let's begin:

Suddenly, they heard an evil laugh. It was even worse than the one Mia heard the night before. What if a monster was going to kill them? Mia had to do something. She shouted for help. Mia's father ran into the room and turned on the lights.

"Oh no," he said. "You must have learned my secret."

"Your monster tried to kill us!" Mia said.

"Monster?" he asked. "You mean this?"

He had a pretty doll in his hand. The doll laughed. The laugh didn't sound so evil anymore.

"I made this for your birthday. I wanted to give it to you then, but you can have it now. I hope you like it!"

Hmm, turns out Mia's father wasn't a mad scientist after all.

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

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 316

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, the Tokyo Olympics draws ever closer and is still the subject of much discussion and controversy, and this article here pretty much sums up the situation so take a listen:

Japan's top coronavirus adviser said June 2<sup>nd</sup> it would be "unusual" to host this summer's Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in the capital under the current circumstances. Shigeru Omi, an infectious diseases expert who heads a government subcommittee on the coronavirus, also said the Tokyo Games organizing committee is responsible for drawing up sufficient antivirus measures to ensure the safety of the participants. "It is unusual to host the games under the current situation," Omi told a Diet committee, a day before the start of the 50-day countdown to opening of the Olympics. Tokyo has been under a COVID-19 state of emergency since late April, and opinion polls have repeatedly shown that the Japanese public is largely against going ahead with the games this year.

Hmm, yes, well 'unusual' is definitely one way to describe holding the Olympic games in a largely unvaccinated country during a pandemic, but other words you could use could be 'irresponsible', 'reckless', 'absurd', 'dangerous'... It's such a shame because the Olympics is something we should all be looking forward to, but instead there's this apparently widespread feeling of anxiety, apprehension, exasperation...

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