

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 337**

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to Inter-Tomas.

Today, I am going to talk to you more about Ella.

After lunch, everyone set off down the lane. They rode along a track and over a stream. Ella and Cracker liked splashing through the water. On the way back, a car driver wanted to get past. Meg steered Cracker to the side of the lane. If drivers are careful when they pass you, always smile and nod to say thank you.

This is all for today. See you next time!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 337**

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

This is the second part of the story about John and the emu. Take a listen.

John didn't realize these were mating calls. He was scared stiff. Smaller than the bird, John tried to keep her away with a stick.

For two days, John didn't dare go out of his house. Finally, John contacted the Animal Rescue Foundation, which got involved and caught the bird. Emily Jones, director of the Foundation, explained the situation this way: "Mr. Anderson was feeding her and it was mating season. So she had her heart set on this man. Hopefully she'll meet another fellow and forget about Mr. Anderson. After all, he is a married man."

This is the end of the story. Thank you very much and see you next time!

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**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 337**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

It's been a little while since I've read one of these short news stories out to you, so let's come back with an interesting topic that I think is very important to all of us: dinosaurs.

A new species of dinosaur was discovered in China last year, and now it has a name: Eubrontes nobitai. The name comes from Nobita, the schoolboy in the Doraemon manga. A footprint fossil of E. nobitai was discovered in July 2020 in Sichuan province. The footprint sole is about 30 centimeters long and scientists say E. nobitai's body was nearly four meters long. The dinosaur was a meat-eater and lived during the Cretaceous Period, between 145 to 66 million years ago. A treatise about it was published on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Xing Lida, a paleontologist at the China University of Geosciences in Beijing, chose the dinosaur's name. He said the Doraemon movies featuring dinosaurs are "very excellent". They have made "many children come to like dinosaurs," he said. The Doraemon manga and various animated productions are very popular in China.

As, of course, they are here in Japan – but not so much in England, in case you didn't know. Pokémon, for example, exploded with popularity in the late nineties, but Doraemon never really took off.

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