

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 338

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.
This is the last part of the game “musical chairs”.

There was only one chair for the last two children. The music stopped and they ran to sit down. One dancer was too slow. There was no chair for her! She was out of the game. The winner of the game got a crown on his head!

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 338

Hi, there! Welcome back to PR1.
Do you like traveling? Traveling is something that I enjoy doing. I travel whenever I have the chance. Of course, traveling is a little expensive so I can't take trips all the time. But every month, I try to take a short trip to somewhere new in Japan.
Once a year, I like to go overseas. It's fun and like they say, it broadens your horizons. So far, I've been to Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and Hawaii.
In the future, I'd like to visit some other Asian countries. I want to go to Korea, China, Thailand, and Hong Kong. But maybe that's too many places for one trip. So perhaps I'll just go to Korea because I love Korean food.
See you later!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 338

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

So, I'm back in Australia, my home country, and I'm currently quarantining at a hotel. I thought this would be a good chance to tell you about what the current COVID situation is here. Let's begin:

For the past year, Australia has been coasting along almost blissfully detached from the global pandemic. It had achieved a "COVID normal" where people could visit restaurants and join crowds at festivals and theatres.

This is because Australia has very strong COVID defences, including border closures and mandatory quarantines, which worked most of the time. When cases did leak, officials acted quickly, locking down cities and chasing every infected contact. Sydney – Australia's biggest and richest city – managed to avoid regular snap lockdowns with a "gold standard" contact-tracing system.

But in the past few weeks, the Delta variant has managed to breach the city's defences. The crisis became a national one – with outbreaks in four states and territories. Sydney, Darwin, Perth, and Brisbane – all capital cities – are now in lockdown. More than 20 million Australians, around 80% of the population, are living under restrictions – the highest number since a national lockdown at the beginning of the pandemic.

Many Australians are asking why they're back living under restrictions, seven months after the world started mass vaccinations.

Well, that's all for today. Next time, I will talk about how the Delta variant went through the weak spots in Australia's defences. Bye-bye!