

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 34

Tim: Hey, Anda, do you have any allergies?

Anda: Yes, I'm allergic to pineapple. What about you?

Tim: Hmm. I'm allergic to dogs, horses, rabbits, goldfish... and I'm also allergic to bananas and mayonnaise and ketchup. Oh, and I also have a nut allergy and a seafood allergy, as well.

Anda: Wow, it's a shame you're not allergic to talking.

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Anda: Hey, Tim, do you have any allergies?

Tim: Hmm, no, not really. Oh, but I'm allergic to dogs, which is a shame because I really love dogs. But apart from that-- Oh, I'm also allergic to horses. And rabbits, too, I think. Oh, and I'm also allergic to nuts. It's not a serious allergy, so if I eat a nut, I won't die, but I won't feel so good. Oh, and I also have a seafood allergy, so I can't really eat any seafood.

Anda: Well, I think I'm allergic to your talking.

Tim: Oh... I see.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 34

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Now, I bet many of you are watching lots of movies while staying at home, am I right? Probably some animated movies, too. Now, I think the most beloved and world-renowned animation studio outside of Disney is Studio Ghibli. Not so many Japanese animated movies become famous in other countries, but Ghibli movies and their characters are pretty well known all over the world, especially Totoro. And now... well, listen to this:

A producer from Studio Ghibli is offering an online tutorial for drawing one of its most beloved characters: Totoro. Toshio Suzuki, former president of the Tokyo-based studio, contributed the video to a website intended to support children stuck at home during the coronavirus outbreak. Using an ink brush, he advises that “the most important” element of illustrating the creature is to draw its rounded eyes set far apart. “This is something you can do at home. Everyone, please draw pictures,” Suzuki says. The lovable Totoro is the star of Studio Ghibli’s popular film *My Neighbour Totoro*, which tells the story of two sisters and their friendships with forest creatures.

Oh, that’s nice, isn’t it? So, I think you should all find that video online and start practicing your Totoro drawing skills!

OK? So, have fun with that! And stay safe, and I’ll see you soon. OK, bye.