

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 343

Hi! Welcome to PR Junior.

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Hello! My name is Gray. I am nine years old. My birthday is December 6<sup>th</sup>. I want a game and some books for my birthday. There are five people in my family. I have a younger sister and an older brother. My favourite colour is red. This is my red watch. My favourite snack is pudding. I like rice crackers, too. What's your favourite snack? Thank you!

That's all for today. Bye!

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 343

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

This is part two of the history of the Olympic Games. Let's begin.

A French man named Pierre de Coubertine organized the first modern Olympic Games. He wanted to promote sports and thought it would be better for young men to compete than fight. The first games were held in Athens in 1896, and had 245 participants from 15 nations. At the time, it was the biggest international sporting event. The recent games in Athens involved 11,100 participants from 202 countries. The modern Olympic Games are held every four years. These are divided into the summer and winter Games, which are held two years apart. Winners get a gold, silver, or bronze medal.

That is all for today. See you next time, and goodbye!

### Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 339

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, like many countries, the UK has recently come out of a very long lockdown period, with pretty much all pandemic-related rules finally being lifted, which is all very nice, but I do worry that people will wrongly assume that the threat of the coronavirus has completely vanished – equating it to the moment an enemy army officially surrenders, ending a war – and that they therefore no longer need to be careful. This isn't helped by the fact that the government is calling this day "Freedom Day", which implies that up to now the British public was unjustly held captive and not just encouraged to act in the interest of each other's safety. Let's see if those concerns are in any way justified:

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's "Freedom Day", ending more than a year of lockdown restrictions in England, was marred July 19<sup>th</sup> by surging infections, warning of supermarket shortages, and his own forced self-isolation. Johnson's bet – that he can get one of Europe's largest economies firing again because so many people are now vaccinated – marks a new chapter in the global response to the coronavirus. While entertainment businesses are jubilant, many are worried about scrapping restrictions.

Well, there you go. Of course, I am happy for my friends back home that can, among many other things, finally see each other again, but I do hope that people still show some degree of awareness and understanding for this whole situation.

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