

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 345**

Hi everyone. Welcome back to Inter TOMAS.

Today, I am going to introduce you to my friend, Jiro. Jiro sometimes helps his grandparents at their groceries store. The store is across from the station and some people from foreign countries often come in. Mr. Water is one of them. He is from New Zealand and lives near the station. He stays in Japan to study Japanese at a college. Mr. Water and Jiro's grandparents are good friends.

This is all for today, see you next time!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 345**

Hi! Welcome back to PR1.

Which do you prefer, city or countryside?

I like going to the countryside. The nature in the countryside is very beautiful. There are mountains, forests, and streams. Sometimes, I go hiking in the mountains. It's a nice feeling to be in a mountain forest. The air is clean and it's very peaceful. If I hike to the top of a mountain, I can get a good view of the surroundings. I [am] always surprise[d] at how far I can see. The world is so big and I'm so small. But this is a nice feeling.

See you later.

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 345

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

So in the past few videos, I talked about how the Delta variant managed to cause huge outbreaks in Australia, despite almost returning to a “Covid normal”. This time, I want to talk about another major problem: vaccines. Let’s begin.

Delta's danger has also shone a light on failures in Australia's vaccine programme. Just under 5% of the adult population is fully vaccinated, with 29% having received a first dose.

Australia is the last among OECD countries, when it comes to the rollout of vaccines. Critics say the government is responsible.

"You've got many more partially vaccinated people than you do vaccinated, and even more unvaccinated people," says Professor Raina MacIntyre from the University of New South Wales.

The delay has been linked to supply issues, complacency over low Covid rates, and concerns around AstraZeneca's rare blood clotting risk. The confused messaging was compounded by sensationalist media reports amplifying AstraZeneca's risk. It spooked many Australians - including the limo driver linked to Sydney's outbreak, who according to local media was afraid of taking the AstraZeneca vaccine.

So what is Australia going to do now?

Experts are unanimous that the current outbreaks must be contained with lockdowns and other restrictions. But to ward off future Delta outbreaks, Prime Minister Scott Morrison seems to have accepted what experts have been urging for some time: increasing the pace of vaccinations.

However, experts warn that Delta is likely to have changed Australia's Covid landscape for good. With mass vaccination unachievable until 2022, and Australians continuing to return home from abroad, like me, Delta's threat will linger, experts say. That could mean measures like mask-wearing in public will need to be mandatory for some time yet.

Well, that’s all for today and I’ll see you next time. Bye-bye!

