

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 349**

Hello there! This is PR Jr.

Today, I will talk about my friend, Tom. Tom likes animals so much. He has many pets. He has a hamster, three dogs and two cats. Tom likes sports too. He is good at playing tennis. He has a tennis lesson every Monday. He likes studying too. His favorite subject is science. He likes it because it's interesting. Science is on Wednesday and Friday. He likes English too.

That's all for today. See you later!

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 349**

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

As I said last time, I am in my home country, Australia. Today, I want to tell you more about the lockdown in Sydney. Let's begin:

Greater Sydney's current COVID-19 lockdown has been extended three times — and people should be prepared for it to happen again, according to an infectious diseases expert.

There are two reasons for this. The first is the NSW government's vaccination target: it wants 80 per cent of the adult population vaccinated before life can return to pre-COVID state.

The second is the number of people that have been infectious in the community has grown steadily throughout the course of this outbreak.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 349

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR2.

While studying a foreign language called English, have you ever thought about “language” itself? Well, today, we will be taking a closer look at the mysteries of language. Let’s begin:

Perhaps the most important thing that distinguishes human beings from animals is language. Yet, although scholars and thinkers have been studying human languages for hundreds of years, many mysteries remain unsolved. How did languages begin? Why are there so many of them? Although we still do not know the answers to these questions, we have nevertheless learned some things about language.

One of these is that there are no human societies anywhere that do not have a language. Another is that there is no such thing as a primitive language. People may have simple technology or lifestyles, but this does not mean that they have simple languages. This has not always been understood. For example, the first Europeans to explore Africa were convinced that the local people did not communicate in language but simply used noises to signal to each other. We now know that this was not true. African languages are as complex as any other. What the Europeans thought was simply a reflection of their prejudices. Indeed, the fact that all human beings can speak a language and that all languages are equally complex is a strong argument for the equality of all human beings.

All right. That is it for today, and I will see you next time.

Stay safe, and enjoy your summer vacation! Bye.