

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 366

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Do you have a pet? I don't have a pet here in Japan, but my friends have two dogs. Their names are Puri and Coro. Puri is small and calm and gentle, and Coro is quite big and a little crazy. She gets very excited when I go round to their house. They both love people and I love them. I wish I could get a pet of my own. Maybe someday...

See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 366

Hello, everyone! How's it going? Welcome back to PR1.

Have you ever done a volunteer activity? In a volunteer activity, you help people in trouble without pay. Many students join volunteer activities during their vacations. And many working people do so on Saturdays and Sundays. Some people donate money to volunteer groups. In Cambodia many people are sick because they can't get clean water. A lot of children are sick because they have to drink dirty water that has germs. They need more wells to get more clean water. But they don't have enough money [or] technology to dig wells.

This is all for today. And I will see you in the next one. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 366

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a little news article for you here that isn't related to any current events – political or otherwise – and is just a bit of fun, so take a listen:

Helaina Alati was browsing the spice aisle of an Australian supermarket when she came face to face with a huge snake. The head of the three-meter-long nonvenomous diamond python emerged through a space in a shelf above the spice jars in the Sydney store.

"I was in the spice aisle just looking for something to put on my chicken that night so I didn't initially see it because it was curled up way back behind the little jars of spices," Alati said August 18th. "I kind of turned to my right and it poked its head out."

Alati, who coincidentally is a trained snake catcher, said the snake's head came to within 20 centimeters of her own.

"Thankfully I have a background in snakes so I was pretty calm about it. It definitely shocked me a little bit because I wasn't expecting it," she added.

Supermarket chain Woolworths confirmed in a statement that a "slippery and rare customer was spotted in the spice aisle" on the morning of August 16th at its store in the suburb of Glenorie on Sydney's northwest outskirts.

Huh! That definitely is a coincidence if this lady already had experience handling snakes, but this description of a "slippery customer" is inaccurate because, as you know, snakes are a little bit rough to the touch, not slippery.

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