

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 38

- Kei:** Hey, did you make your lunch today?  
**Anda:** No, I didn't have time.  
**Kei:** How about eating at a French restaurant?  
**Anda:** Let's eat at a cafeteria. It's faster.  
**Kei:** Good idea!

### Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 38

Hi everyone this is PR1 dictation contest. I will read a text from the eiken level 2 textbook. Are you guys ready? Ok, here we go:

Last spring, Harry planted some tomato seeds in some pots. He kept the pots by a window inside his house so that they would not be eaten by insects. He also watered them twice a week. The plants grew quickly and there were lots of green leaves, but there were no tomatoes. Harry is not sure what went wrong, but he will try again next year.

How did you guys do? Did you guys understand? Ok, i will see you guys in the next video. Bye!

### Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 38

Hey, everyone! How are you doing?  
I wanted to read something to you today that's a little different, OK? So, listen to this:

A jellyfish, if you watch it long enough, begins to look like a heart beating. It doesn't matter what kind: the blood-red *Atolla* with its flashing siren lights, the frilly flower hat variety, or the near-transparent moon jelly, *Aurelia aurita*. It's their pulse, the way they contract swiftly, then release. Like a ghost heart – a heart you can see right through, right into some other world where everything you ever lost has gone to hide. Jellyfish don't even have hearts, of course – no heart, no brain, no bone, no blood. But watch them for a while. You will see them beating. Mrs. Turton says that if you lived to be eighty years old, your heart would beat three billion times. I was thinking about that, trying to imagine a number that large. Three *billion*. Count back three billion hours, and modern humans don't exist – just wide-eyed cave people, all hairy and grunting. Three billion years, and life itself barely exists. And yet here's your heart, doing its job all the time, one beat after the next, all the way up to three billion.

What do you think about that? Interesting? Strange? Easy? Difficult? This is actually a question from the Meiji University entrance exam, and the full passage is much longer than that. So, if you thought that was a little difficult to understand, maybe it's time to start practicing some past tests!

OK, so, let me know what you think. And study hard, stay safe, and see you soon.