

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 39

**Jona:** Hello Hana, how often do you exercise?

**Hana:** I exercise four times a week.

**Jona:** Wow, that's really good.

**Hana:** Yeah, I like running and doing yoga. What about you?

**Jona:** I exercise five times a week. I play badminton almost every day. How about you, Tim?

**Tim:** Oh, I exercise once a month, so...

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**Jona:** Hello, Hana! How often do you exercise?

**Hana:** I exercise every day.

**Jona:** Really? That's awesome.

**Hana:** I play basketball three times a week, I go swimming every other day, and I do yoga every Thursday. What about you?

**Jona:** I play badminton twice a week and I go to the gym once every three days, plus I go jogging every day.

**Hana:** Wow!

**Jona:** How about you, Tim?

**Tim:** Um, well, I go running... maybe once every two... months?

**Hana:** Tim, that's not enough!

**Jona:** Yeah, you should do more!

**Tim:** Hmm... yeah, maybe.

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 39

Hey, everyone! How are you doing?

Staying home? Staying safe? Good to hear.

Now, I have another pretty challenging thing that I want to read for you today, so see what you think about this:

A new telescope, which will be the world's largest, is to be built 3,000 meters above sea level on top of a mountain in Chile. There – in the middle of the Atacama Desert, one of the driest places on earth – it will have the best possible conditions for observation. Astronomers are expecting it to answer many of the deepest and most important questions in their subject. The new telescope will have a mirror 39 meters across, making it by far the largest optical telescope in the world. Although a mirror of this size presents huge technical difficulties, its light-gathering capacity should be greater than all existing telescopes put together. That's what makes this telescope truly special. Experts predict that it will even be able to capture images of planets orbiting distant stars. And because looking out into space is also looking back in time, astronomers hope to discover new information about the early history of the universe.

Wow, what did you think about that? Pretty difficult? This passage is actually from the Tokyo University entrance exam. So, if that's something you might be applying for, then maybe it's time to start practicing! OK?

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