

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 391

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part three of the story about the fieldtrip. Let`s begin!

Mr. Green gave the children a map. Then he took the children for a long walk. After a while they stopped for a rest. The children looked at their maps. Mr. Green showed them the places they could see.

“Your map’s upside down, Bill,” said Will.

That is all for today. I wonder what will happen next. See you next time! Bye-bye!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 391

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today I have a story called *The First Peacock*. Let’s begin.

Argos lived in Ancient Greece. He was a husband and a proud father. He worked hard and did well at his job. But one thing about him wasn’t normal. He was born with 100 eyes. Having many eyes was usually a benefit to him. He had a chance to see many things.

Also, since he had so many eyes, he was very good at guarding things. While sleeping, he only rested a few eyes at a time. The others stayed awake. He worked for Hera, a great goddess. His primary function was to guard a special cow.

Well, that’s all for today and come back next time for the next part of this story. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 391

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, something that I'm sure you're all aware of, and something that often comes up in political conversations, is Japan's declining birth rate and, thus, aging population. It's something even people outside of Japan know about and this article highlights just how aged that aging population is. Take a listen:

The number of people 100 years old or above in Japan is estimated to have hit a record 86,510, with the number of men reaching the milestone topping 10,000 for the first time, health ministry data showed September 14<sup>th</sup>. The number of centenarians as of September 15<sup>th</sup> represents an increase of 6,060 from a year earlier, marking the 51<sup>st</sup> consecutive year of rise, the Health, Labor, and Welfare Ministry said. Of the 86,510, women accounted for 88.4%, or 76,450, up 5,475 from a year earlier. Men totaled 10,060, up 585, the data showed.

Oh, wow. That seems like a lot, doesn't it? I mean, that's still a small percentage of Japan's population, but eighty-six-and-a-half thousand one-hundred-year-olds... huh, that feels quite high. I only had one person in my family live to be over a hundred. She was my great, great aunt and she was 102 when she died. But what about you guys? Do any of you have someone in your family who is over a hundred years old? If not now, then, according to this, most likely in the future, right?

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