

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 41

Anda: Oh! You look very happy!

Kei: I am. My dog went away on Wednesday, but he came back last night.

Anda: Great! Was he ok?

Kei: Yeah, but he looked a little cold.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 41

Hey, everyone!

This is another PR1 dictation video and we will be using the Eiken Pre-Level 2 textbook. Let's see if you guys can understand this:

Today, the flag of the United States of America has 50 stars. However, the first flag only had 13 stars because there were only 13 states at that time. Later, the number of states increased, so new stars were added to the flag. Hawaii is the newest state. Its star was added in 1959.

How much did you guys understand? Right, I'll see you guys in the next video!

Take care!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 41

Hey, guys! How're you doing?

I have another relatively challenging reading passage for you to have a go at, so listen to this:

In response to the problem of the world's growing demand for animal protein, a conference was held to discuss the various benefits of using insects as an alternative source of food to pigs, chickens, and cows. It isn't well known, but insects are an extremely healthy food as they are full of protein, vitamins, and minerals. Insects have been around for millions of years, living with the dinosaurs and then very early human beings. Raising insects can be environmentally friendly as they neither take up much space, eat much food, nor release much greenhouse gas. Most are able to survive with little water, making them an ideal alternative food for locations with severe water shortages. The evidence shows that there are many benefits of using insects as food. It just may take time to change people's minds about eating them.

What did you think about that? This is actually from the "Senta Shikken" test, which is a test you can take to enter certain universities. The format of this test is actually changing this year, but the reading and grammar exercises will be more or less the same, so this should give you a good idea as to the difficulty of the questions.

I know there are many different university entrance exams, and I know it's quite scary to think about, but the important thing to remember is that, whatever university entrance exam you're thinking of taking, you just have to practice. Give yourself as many examples as you can of the kinds of questions that will likely be on the test and you'll be pretty well-prepared. OK, guys? So, just keep at it!

Alright? Study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.