

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 44

- Kei:** Hey, Tim! I'm going to England next year.
- Tim:** Oh, really? That's great!
- Kei:** What are some good things to do while I'm there?
- Tim:** Well, in London, you can walk along Tower Bridge, or see dinosaurs at the Natural History Museum, or just relax in Saint James' Park.
- Kei:** Oh, what about outside of London?
- Tim:** Hmm, well, you can go for a walk in the Lake District, or learn about Vikings at the Jorvik Centre in York.
- Kei:** Oh, that sounds good!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 44

- Kei:** Hey, Tim! You're from England right?
- Tim:** Yes, that's right.
- Kei:** I'm going on a trip to England next year.
- Tim:** Oh, awesome!
- Kei:** Do you have any recommendations?
- Tim:** Hmm. Well, there are many famous sights and other cool things to do in London, of course, but I really think you should try and get out of the capital.
- Kei:** Oh? What do you suggest?
- Tim:** Well, York is a really cool historical city with lots of old, picturesque buildings, and Manchester is a good place for music and art and great food. But England also has lots of beautiful natural scenery, too. So, I recommend going to the Lake District or the Cotswolds and exploring some of the typical English villages.
- Kei:** Oh, thanks for the tips!
- Tim:** No problem.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 44

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

I have another potentially challenging passage to read for you here, so listen carefully to this:

In the small Spanish town of Ador, near Valencia, the siesta is sacred. So sacred, in fact, that in 2015 its mayor enshrined its citizens' right to the afternoon nap in law. Everything in the town closes between 2pm and 5pm, while all noise must be kept to a minimum. Parents are encouraged to keep their children indoors and ball games are strictly off the agenda while the town's inhabitants take their nap. But while Ador is embracing the tradition of siesta, elsewhere in Spain it seems the days may be numbered for one of the country's most enduring stereotypes. The siesta is now as alien to most Spaniards as it is to the foreigners who package it into their image of Spain.

Hmm. What do you think about this one? Perhaps not so difficult? This passage is actually from the English section of the Aoyama Gakuin University entrance exam. And how do you think it compares to the other examples we've looked at? Easier? Trickier? Hopefully you're starting to get an idea as to what is expected from your English level to get into university.

So, as always, guys – study hard, stay safe, and see you soon.