

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 47

- Kei:** Ugh, snakes... I really don't like snakes.
- Tim:** Oh, really? I love snakes! I think they're really cool.
- Kei:** No! I'm really scared of them.
- Tim:** What about you? What are you scared of?
- Kaho:** I'm scared of birds, and I'm scared of heights, too. What about you, Tim?
- Tim:** I'm not scared of anything! ...except spiders. I really hate spiders.
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Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 47

- Tim:** Hey, do you guys have any phobias?
- Kaho:** I have a phobia of needles.
- Tim:** Ah, that's called trypanophobia.
- Kaho:** Oh, really? I didn't know that.
- Kei:** I have claustrophobia, which is a fear of being in small spaces.
- Tim:** Hmm, I see.
- Kaho:** What about you?
- Tim:** I have pretty strong arachnophobia. Yeah, I'm really scared of spiders. Oh, I also have gelotophobia.
- Kaho:** Oh, what's that?
- Tim:** Gelotophobia is the fear of ridicule.
- Kei:** So, you must be constantly living in fear, then.

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 47

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

I hope you're all still staying very safe.

Another one of the things we've had to do without over the past few months is new movies. The production or release of many movies – and TV shows – has been cancelled or delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic, but it looks like things might be starting to change.

A sequel to James Cameron's sci-fi movie blockbuster Avatar went back into production for the first time since it was shuttered by worldwide efforts to contain the coronavirus. "Our #Avatar sets are ready – and we couldn't be more excited to be headed back to New Zealand next week," producer Jon Landau wrote in a May 22<sup>nd</sup> post on Instagram. Released in 2009, Avatar was the highest-grossing movie of all time until July 2019, when it was overtaken by superhero flick Avengers: Endgame. The second installment is scheduled to debut in December 2021, followed by three others in December 2023, December 2025 and December 2027.

Ah, so that's quite exciting isn't it? Have you seen the original Avatar movie? Did you like it? Many people said it wasn't that good, but I enjoyed it. It definitely looked great! And considering this next one will be more than ten years after it, I'm sure it will look even better!

OK, guys, so, in the meantime, study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.