

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 544**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

What are some of your favourite places in Japan outside of Tokyo? I haven't travelled around Japan that much, so there are still so many places that I haven't been but want to go to. However, some of my favourite spots outside of Tokyo include the Kamakura and Enoshima area, the area surrounding Nachi Falls in Wakayama, and the awesome cedar forest in the mountains of Nagano.

Please let me know if you have any other recommendations, okay? See you, guys!

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 544**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today I will continue on talking about the voluntarism. Let's go!

Young people who are good with their hands would like to help build houses or schools for poor children around the world. In the village of Kamakwie in Sierra Leone, for example, a team of young volunteers built a secondary school for poor orphans, giving them more opportunities. Other similar projects are going on across poor villages of Africa.

For people interested in wildlife, conservation groups organize volunteer holidays throughout the world. You can help wildlife research in countries like Kenya and Botswana or protect turtles in Mexico, Zanzibar, or elsewhere. On Redang Island in Malaysia, volunteers come from all over the world to help conserve the endangered green turtle. Participants monitor the turtles that come onto the beach and protect them and their eggs.

That's all for today! See you soon!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 544

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2! I hope you are all doing well.

Today, we are going to continue with the second part of the story about the chili bet. Let's see what happens next!

His dogged persuasion convinced her. The chili looked benign, but Brenda knew it could cause a lot of pain. She bit the bottom of the pepper. Surprisingly, she felt nothing.

"My turn," said Ray. He bit the middle of the chili. Immediately, he seemed to be in distress. He gasped and his face alternated between brave and pained expressions. He experienced an overdose of spice. He was on the verge of tears and finally let out a horrible cry.

"Take this," said Brenda, handing him her drink.

"That was awful!" he said, continuing to sip from the glass.

That night, Brenda researched chilies. The next day she said in an apologetic voice, "I read that the hot part of chilies is in the middle, where the seeds are. I'm sorry – I feel like I cheated by going first."

Ray was relieved, not only did he learn something new about chilies, but he learned that Brenda was a good friend.

That was the end of the story. What did you think? Have you ever made a bet like this with your friends? Don't forget to let me know in our next class! See you then!