

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 551**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

We are already in the last week of May, which means that summer is almost here!

Are you excited? Do you have any exciting summer plans?

I really want to go somewhere, but travelling to other countries is still a little difficult so I'll probably just stay in Japan again. As always, I really want to do some fun summer activities, like camping or a day at the beach, but, as always, it depends on the weather.

Let me know your summer plans, okay? See you!

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 551**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, I have a news article about protests in France after the Presidential Election. Take a listen.

French president Emmanuel Macron won over his rival Marie Le Pen, and he became the first leader to be re-elected after 20 years.

Macron earned 58.5% of the vote, but a very large number of people didn't vote, since they were unhappy with both candidates.

After people saw the results, protests started in the cities of Paris and Lyon. Le Pen's supporters fought with police, who fired tear gas at them. Macron's supporters celebrated at the Eiffel Tower, as their candidate would be the president for five more years.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 551

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to the PR2 Dictation “Contest”.

Today, you are going to listen to a text about Komodo dragons and the unique ability which they possess. Let’s begin!

Once, a British gazette had an unusual story. Scientists at a zoo made a discovery about Komodo dragons. Komodo dragons are giant lizards that grow up to two and a half meters long. A female lizard at the zoo had babies. However, it had never been around a male lizard in its entire life. After the scientists publicized their discovery, many people thought it was fictitious.

But it was true. It was discovered that female Komodo dragons can have babies without the help of their male counterparts. This contradicts what scientists know about how most animals have babies.

In most cases, there are many things that can obstruct this type of reproduction. For example, adult males and females carry different genes needed to make an embryo. If the genes are homogenous, the babies are weaker and have genetic problems. Over time, the weakened species dies out completely.

That is all for the first part of the text. I had no idea that Komodo dragons could reproduce this way. I wonder what the reason behind it is. Come back next time, so we can find out together!

For now, I hope you have an amazing day and I will see you next time! Bye-bye!