

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 612

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Last time, I talked about typhoons and about how they're usually not so serious in Tokyo. I often complain or joke about how we don't need those typhoon warnings because nothing bad seems to happen. But, in some areas, the effects of typhoons can be quite serious. They can cause heavy flooding and even damage to roads and bridges and people's homes. So, even if typhoons might not normally affect us here, we should still stay safe and cautious.

See you guys!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 612

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1!

Today, I will be talking about everyday ailments. Let's begin!

For every common health problem, there's a product for sale to cure it. Are you suffering from insomnia? There's a pill to help you fall asleep. Did a pimple appear on your face? There's a cream for that. If you have a headache after a long day at work, or perhaps a sore throat and fever, you can buy something to make you feel better. Do you have indigestion because you ate the wrong kind of food? There's a pill to end the burning feeling in your stomach. If the food won't stay in your stomach at all, you can take some medicine to end the nausea. Hence, in this day and age, there are many [medicines] to cure your health problems.

This is it for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 612

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2!

Today, you are going to listen to a text about a bee and its pollen-gathering adventures. Let's begin!

A young bee had passed its intermediate level exams. It now knew everything about flowers. It understood how they used photosynthesis to make oxygen and which ones produced the best pollen. Bees had an important dependency on pollen. From the beginning of time, bees' external task was to gather pollen and make honey with it.

Since it passed its exams, the little bee had earned its inclusion in the swarms that gathered pollen. It was excited because it was finally allowed to leave the hive. It left with the next swarm and was determined to find the perfect flower. Soon, it [saw] a large, vibrant flower full of pollen. It landed on a petal and walked toward the pollen at the flower's center.

Immediately, it began rolling in the pollen, gathering it on its legs and wings. The fine texture of the pollen tickled when it stuck to its body. It was the best experience the little bee had ever had. It gathered as much as it could.

That was all for today! I wonder what classes the bees are taking at their schools. Maybe flight lessons and honey-making? Anyways, I'll see you again next time! Bye-bye!