

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 653**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Kaho: How was your trip to Hokkaido, Yerin?

Yerin: It was great. I just got back yesterday.

K: How long did you stay there?

Y: For two weeks.

K: That's pretty long!

Y: Yes, I went to many places and ate delicious food!

K: Wow, that sounds great! I should go to Hokkaido some day!

That's all for today! See you in class!

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 653**

Hello! Welcome back to PR1!

Today you are going to listen to *Dogs' Behavior and Their Habits*. Let's begin!

Lily's dog was a bad dog. He bit people frequently. Lily had great concern about this. It was not an appropriate way for a dog to behave. Her friends in the village always expected the dog to bite them. The news about Lily's dog spread through the village. None of the people wanted to go to Lily's house. Lily tried to instruct the dog to behave, but it never worked. She tried to be patient and teach the dog to be calm. That also didn't work. Lily didn't want to punish the dog. "How will I stop my dog's bad habit?" Lily asked herself.

That's all for today! Have a nice day!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 653

Hello everyone. Welcome back to PR2.

On (2022) September 26, NASA crashed a spacecraft into an asteroid on purpose. NASA's mission is called DART, which stands for Double Asteroid Redirection Test. The mission was launched in November of last year. Since then, it has been traveling roughly 11 million kilometers to reach a pair of asteroids in outer space.

There aren't many asteroids as large as the one that helped wipe out dinosaurs over 65 million years ago. But even a much smaller asteroid could cause serious damage if it struck a city on Earth. To protect the Earth in such a situation, NASA wanted to test a way of changing an asteroid's path – by smashing something into it.

DART's target was an asteroid called Dimorphos\*. It's about 160 meters in diameter. Because the asteroids are so far away, the spacecraft had to be able to guide itself to the target. Telescopes on Earth, as well as powerful telescopes in space, will be helpful in seeing if the orbit actually changes. NASA showed the event live over the internet. Cheers broke out at NASA as DART smashed into Dimorphos\* and the images from the spacecraft suddenly ended. Scientists around the world are hoping that this first test of a "planetary defense system" will teach them important lessons that could help protect the Earth in the future.

That's all for today! See you next time!

\* Pronounced: "die-more-fuss"