

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 692

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior. Let's begin!

Irene: How's your cold?

Yerin: It's a little better today. I took medicine and stayed in bed.

Irene: It is good to hear that you are feeling better. Will you be at school tomorrow?

Yerin: I'm not sure. I will see how I feel today.

Irene: OK! Hope you feel better soon.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 692

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, you're going to listen to the second part of the text about Daniel's adventure! Let's begin!

Making a model of a planet was really hard. Daniel tried to read several books, but he couldn't comprehend any of the charts. "We're going to fail because of me!" Daniel said. He put his head down on the table and said, "I wish I could see a planet, instead of having to read about it!"

Suddenly, there was a bright light. Daniel pulled from his chair, through the roof, and right into a strange ship! "Hello, kid," said an alien. "Did you ask for help?"

Wow! Aliens! I wonder what's going to happen next! Come back next time to find out! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 692

Hello, and welcome back to PR2!

I hope everyone is warm, comfortable, and all snuggled up in your homes.

Today, we have a recently trending topic: the World Cup and how Japanese fans are setting an excellent example.

The sight of Japanese fans at a World Cup bagging trash after a match — win or lose — always surprises non-Japanese. Japanese players are famous for doing the same in their team dressing room: hanging up towels, cleaning the floor, and even leaving a thank-you note. After Japan lost one-to-zero (1-0) to Costa Rica on Sunday, Japanese supporters once again picked up litter in the stands.

The behavior is driving social media posts at the World Cup in Qatar, but it's nothing unusual for Japanese fans or players. They are simply doing what most people in Japan do — at home, at school, at work, or on streets from Tokyo to Osaka, Shizuoka to Sapporo.

“For Japanese people, this is just the normal thing to do,” Japan coach Hajime Moriyasu said. “When you leave, you have to leave a place cleaner than it was before. That’s the education we have been taught. That’s the basic culture we have. For us, it’s nothing special.”

A spokeswoman for the Japanese Football Association said it's supplying 8,000 trash bags to help fans pick up after matches with “thank you” messages on the outside written in Arabic, Japanese, and English.

Personally, I find this very wholesome, and such gestures accurately define the Japanese spirit. Right, that's it for today! Thank you very much, and see you!