

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 122

Hello, everyone!

Let's continue with this book: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

On Saturday, he ate through one piece of cake, one ice cream, one pickle, one slice of Swiss cheese, one slice of salami, one lollipop, one piece of cherry pie, one cupcake, and one slice of watermelon. That night, he had a stomachache. The next day was Sunday again. The caterpillar ate through one nice, green leaf and after that, he felt much better.

Okay, guys, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 122

Hey, guys! How's it going?

Now last time, Han Solo and Princess Leia and the others narrowly escaped the Empire and that giant space slug. But let's see what Darth Vader is up to...

Determined to catch the Rebels, Darth Vader hires bounty hunters to find them. The bounty hunters are a cruel and dangerous bunch. The most dreaded hunter is the ruthless Boba Fett.

Oh! So, he really wants to find the Rebels. And what about Luke? Does Darth Vader know where Luke is? Hmm. Let's see what happens next time, okay?

Alright, bye, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 122

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, have any of you been on any trips recently? I haven't really done that much traveling around Japan and I've been thinking about that even less, recently. But the government actually wants to encourage people to travel to different parts of the country under this "Go To Travel" campaign. Take a listen to this:

In hopes of propping up the economy, Yasutoshi Nishimura, the Cabinet minister in charge of the country's response to the novel coronavirus, announced September 11th that Tokyo will become eligible for the Go To Travel campaign, a 1.35 trillion yen government plan to promote domestic tourism, on October 1st. The Go To Travel campaign kicked off in late July without Tokyo. Under the program, anyone looking to travel within Japan is eligible for a 50% discount on expenses via a combination of government-issued coupons.

Hmm. Well, that sounds like it might be good for some people, and I know the tourism industry and the economy as a whole could do with a bit of a boost, but I'm not sure it's a good idea to encourage people to gather en masse* at certain tourism hotspots. But let me know what you think, okay?

Alright, guys, as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.

*Pronounced "on mass"; from French.