

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 155

Hello, guys!

Today, we will read *Friends Rule!* Are you ready?

Good friends are like plants. They don't just appear overnight. Once you start a friendship, it takes a lot of care and attention to make it grow strong.

I hope you guys will have lots of good friends.

Okay, see you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 155

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So last time, our hero Luke fought against his father, Darth Vader. He won the battle, but he couldn't make the finishing blow. He resisted the temptation to give in to hate and cross over to the dark side. But he was attacked by the evil Emperor, who seems too powerful! Let's see what happens...

Darth Vader feels the good growing inside him. With the last of his strength, he rises up and heaves the Emperor into a deep reactor shaft. The Death Star is about to be destroyed. Luke wants to save his father. "No," Vader whispers. "You already have."

So, Luke was right about his father – he became good in the end and saved his son. Now, that is a good redemption story.

Okay, guys, join me next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 155

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

In various countries around the world at the moment, lockdowns and other restrictions are being put back in place as the number of new coronavirus cases is starting to rise again. Now, Japan is still doing better than most of these places, but the daily number of cases is still very up and down. And yet a lot of people seem to think the numbers are the lowest they've ever been – which they're not. And perhaps a rather concerning example of this is right here. Take a listen:

The government will test measures for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus at events with large numbers of spectators in a trial beginning in late October in a nearly packed baseball stadium in Yokohama, officials said October 15th. The three-day trial from October 30th will come as the government considers whether to relax current limits on the number of people allowed to attend big events. In September, authorities raised the limit to 10,000 from 5,000, but retained a ceiling of 50 percent of a venue's capacity for events with over 10,000 spectators.

Hmm, now this does acknowledge that we may need to have safety measures for COVID-19 for quite a while yet, but sill, packing out stadiums for some sort of test doesn't really seem like a good idea to me – at least not yet. But let me know what you think, okay?

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