

## The Morning Speech with Patrick-sensei Volume 1

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My name is Patrick Alexander. I'm an Assistant Language Teacher at Utsunomiya Minami High School, in Japan.

私はパトリック・アレクザンダーです。日本の宇都宮南高等学校で 外国語指導助手として働きます。

Almost every week, I make a speech in English to the school. It's broadcast over the public address system on Friday morning, during homeroom. This is for English listening practice.

ほぼ毎週、学校の生徒たちに英語のスピーチをします。金曜日の朝 にホームルームの時間にスピーカーで放送されます。英語の聞き取 る能力の練習です。

The students take a quiz while listening to my speech. Afterwards, they receive a transcript of the speech. (But in this book, the transcripts are presented first.)

スピーチを聞きながら生徒がクイズを受けます。スピーチの転写は 後で受け取ります。(しかし、この本にスピーチの転写が前に提示 されます。)

I also illustrate the quiz papers with my drawings.

また、クイズの紙に漫画を描きます。

I'm sure most of the students hate studying English, but I try my best to make it interesting.

ほとんどの生徒たちは英語の勉強はきっときらいかもしれない、で も私は頑張って面白くしますよ。

Please enjoy listening to the speeches, reading them, and answering the quizzes. (You can check your answers at the back of the book.)

スピーチを聞いたり、読んだり、そしてクイズを答えたりして楽しんでください。(巻末に回答を確認できます。)

### The Morning Speech with your host. Patrick-sensei

Friday September 13th, 2013

Good morning, students. I hope you are enjoying this school term so far.

I want to tell you that I had so much fun at the school festival. All the classrooms were transformed into something different and exciting. You should all feel proud of your talent and hard work. Thank you for a wonderful day.

Actually, something interesting happened to me at the school festival. I was in the cooking classroom, learning how to make chocolate chip muffins, when suddenly, Spiderman came in through the window!

All the students in the cooking club were surprised, but I was not surprised. Spiderman follows me all the time, because a long time ago, I stole his girlfriend.

"Get out of here, Spiderman!" I said. "Don't you know that this is a school festival?"

But Spiderman said to me, "I hate you! I want to kill you! Let's fight!"

I knew that I had to fight Spiderman. But I was worried that if we fought in the cooking classroom, some students might be hurt. So, because I am a good teacher, I jumped out of the window. Don't worry – the cooking classroom is on the first floor.

I fought Spiderman between the cooking classroom and the gymnasium. The brass band was playing *Les Miserables* in the gymnasium, so nobody could hear us fight. I punched Spiderman in the face, one, two, three, four, five times, and he ran away.

Fighting Spiderman can be a real hassle, but I was happy to protect the students of Utsunomiya Minami High School.

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## Morning Speech Quiz

Friday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## 1.) What was Patrick-sensei doing in the cooking classroom?

- a.) Learning to make custard pudding
- b.) Learning to make chocolate chip muffins
- c.) Learning to make gyoza
- d.) Fighting Spiderman

### 2.) Why does Spiderman hate Patrick-sensei?

- a.) Patrick-sensei stole money from a bank.
- b.) Patrick-sensei knows Spiderman's secret identity.
- c.) Patrick-sensei is a bad teacher.
- d.) Patrick-sensei stole Spiderman's girlfriend.

### 3.) Patrick-sensei was worried about fighting Spiderman. Why?

- a.) Because Spiderman is very strong.
- b.) Because Patrick-sensei was wearing a new shirt.
- c.) Because some students might be hurt.
- d.) Because Patrick-sensei is bad at fighting.

### 4.) How many times was Spiderman punched in the face?

- a.) Three
- b.) Four
- c.) Five
- d.) Ten
- 5.) Which UNAN teacher do you think is best at fighting? Why?



## The Morning Speech with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday September 20th, 2013

Good morning, students. Hasn't the weather been nice lately?

Students, do you like ramen? I am a big fan of Japanese ramen.

Quite close to Utsunomiya Minami High School, there is a small restaurant called 'Ramen Shop'. Have you ever been there? I recommend the *negi* ramen. The taste is fresh and delicious.

Actually, something interesting happened to me last week. I went to Ramen Shop and ordered *negi* ramen. Soon there was a delicious, hot bowl of ramen in front of me. But just as I was about to start eating, all of a sudden, Wolverine came in through the window!

"Patrick-sensei!" growled Wolverine. "Give me your ramen!" Wolverine always tries to steal my ramen.

"Leave me alone, Wolverine," I said. "Get your own ramen!"

Then Wolverine made a suggestion. "Patrick-sensei, let's play rock-paper-scissors. If I win, you have to give me your ramen."

"OK," I said. "But if I win, I get to ride you like a horse. Ready? One, two, three!"

Wolverine's claws came out of his hand – *shing!* – which meant scissors. I made a fist with my hand, which means rock. "Rock beats scissors!" I cried.

"But my adamantium claws beat everything!"

"Not this time, Wolverine! Get down on your hands and knees."

I climbed onto Wolverine's back and rode him like a horse, all the way to Utsunomiya Minami High School. I rode him around the baseball diamond and yelled, "Home run!" After one hour, I let Wolverine go home.

Wolverine is strong, but not as strong as my love for Japanese ramen. Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Morning Speech Quiz

Friday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## 1.) At 'Ramen Shop', how does the *negi* ramen taste?

- a.) Thick and spicy
- b.) Plain and simple
- c.) Fresh and delicious
- d.) Cold and sad

## 2.) When did Wolverine come in through the window?

- a.) Just as Patrick-sensei was about to start eating
- b.) Just after Patrick-sensei started eating
- c.) Just after Patrick-sensei finished eating
- d.) Just as Patrick-sensei was about to pay his bill

### 3.) How did Patrick-sensei and Wolverine resolve their argument?

- a.) With an arm wrestle
- b.) With rock-paper-scissors
- c.) By flipping a coin
- d.) By fighting to the death
- e.) By calmly discussing the matter like sensible adults

- 4.) For how long did Patrick-sensei ride Wolverine like a horse?
  - a.) Half an hour
  - b.) One hour
  - c.) Two hours
  - d.) All afternoon
- 5.) What is your favourite food? What would you do if Wolverine tried to steal your lunch?



## The Morning Speech with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Good morning, students. I am a little sleepy today, because early this morning I was woken up by the doorbell of my apartment. I looked at my mobile phone. It was 4:30am! Who could it be?

I got up and opened the front door. It was Doraemon! "Good morning!" said Doraemon, smiling. I like Doraemon but sometimes he has too much energy.

"Well," I said, "I suppose we should have breakfast."

"Let's make dorayaki!" said Doraemon.

But I told him, "We can't make dorayaki because I don't have any azuki. Let's just make pancakes instead."

So we got a big bowl and put in flour, baking powder and sugar. Then we added the milk and eggs. I still felt sleepy, so I said to Doraemon, "My arms are tired. Can you please mix the batter?"

Doraemon had an idea. "I'll use my

také-copter to mix the batter, like an electric mixer!"

"But Doraemon, your také-copter is on top of your head."

"No problem!" said Doraemon, and he took the big bowl and put it on his head, upside-down. The flour, baking powder, sugar, milk and eggs went all over his head, and all over my kitchen floor.

I was angry. "Doraemon, you idiot! You made a big mess!"

"I'm sorry," said Doraemon.

"Get out of here, Doraemon! Go home!" I yelled. Doraemon went home and I mopped up the mess on my kitchen floor. In the end, I had granola for breakfast. Name:

## Morning Speech Quiz

Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## 1.) What woke Patrick-sensei up, early this morning?

- a.) The garbage truck
- b.) His mobile phone
- c.) The doorbell
- d.) A bad dream

### 2.) Patrick-sensei and Doraemon made pancakes instead of dorayaki. Why?

- a.) Patrick-sensei does not like azuki.
- b.) Patrick-sensei didn't have any azuki.
- c.) Patrick-sensei loves pancakes.
- d.) Doraemon is on an azuki-free diet he read about in a women's magazine.

## 3.) In the story, what are the ingredients for pancakes?

- a.) Flour, sugar, butter, vinegar, milk and eggs
- b.) Flour, baking powder, sugar, vinegar, milk and eggs
- c.) Flour, baking powder, sugar, salt, milk and eggs
- d.) Flour, baking powder, sugar, milk and eggs

- 4.) What did Patrick-sensei eat for breakfast?
  - a.) Pancakes
  - b.) Dorayaki
  - c.) Cornflakes
  - d.) Granola
  - e.) Anpanman
- 5.) Do you think Patrick-sensei is lucky or unlucky to be friends with Doraemon? Why?



## The Morning Speech with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday October 11th, 2013

Good morning, students. I hope you did well on your mid-term exams.

At this time of year, parents of middle school students sometimes visit high schools. For example, last Thursday I was working in the teachers' room when I heard a voice.

"Good afternoon," said the voice.

I looked all around, but I couldn't see anyone. I realised it must be the Invisible Man. "Good afternoon," I said. "How can I help you?"

The Invisible Man said, "I read about this school in the *Yomiuri Shinbun*. I would like to send my daughter here."

"I see," I replied. "What's your daughter's name?"

"Her name is Wendy."

"And is Wendy invisible too?"

"Not completely," said the Invisible Man. "You see, I married a Japanese woman, so my daughter is half Japanese and half invisible." I thought carefully about this. Most of the teachers at Utsunomiya Minami are very old and have weak eyes. They might have trouble seeing a student who is half invisible. I told the Invisible Man, "I don't think Wendy should come here. Perhaps you should send her to a special school for invisible children."

The Invisible Man's voice became angry. "How dare you!" he said. "You racist! What a terrible school. I'm going to push your vice-principal into the water."

"No, don't!" I cried. But it was too late. The Invisible Man ran outside and pushed Kyoutou-sensei into the pond. *Splash!* 

Poor Kyoutou-sensei was soaked from head to toe. He seemed confused. Curse that Invisible Man!

Class: -

Name: \_\_\_\_

### Morning Speech Quiz

Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## 1.) Who visits high schools, at this time of year?

- a.) Middle school students
- b.) High school students
- c.) Parents of middle school students
- d.) Invisible people

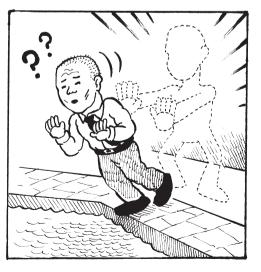
### 2.) Why does the Invisible Man visit Patrick-sensei in the teachers' office?

- a.) He is looking for someone called Wendy.
- b.) He is writing an article for the *Yomiuri Shinbun*.
- c.) His daughter goes to school at Utsunomiya Minami.
- d.) He wants his daughter to go to school at Utsunomiya Minami.
- e.) He is hunting Kyoutou-sensei.

## 3.) Is the Invisible Man's daughter invisible too?

- a.) Yes, she's invisible.
- b.) No, she's totally normal.
- c.) Yes, but only half invisible.
- d.) Yes, but only when no-one is looking.

- 4.) What's wrong with the teachers at Utsunomiya Minami?
  - a.) They are very old and have weak eyes.
  - b.) They are racist.
  - c.) They have poor balance.
  - d.) They lie to journalists.
  - e.) They hear voices.
- 5.) In your opinion, whose fault was it that Kyoutou-sensei fell into the pond? Why?



### The Morning Speech

with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday October 18th, 2013

Good morning, students. I hope you ate breakfast this morning. It's very important to have a good, healthy breakfast every day.

Personally, I like to begin my day with a bowl of granola and milk, with yoghurt, sliced banana, three strips of bacon, two fried eggs, five pieces of toast and jam, maple syrup, whipped cream, vegetable juice, potato chips, and an entire roast chicken with potato and gravy. I put all of this into a blender, add two scoops of ice-cream, and make a big breakfast smoothie.

When I drink this smoothie, I have enough energy to teach the first year students at Utsunomiya Minami High School and defeat Spiderman. But today I feel hungry and weak, because I did not have breakfast.

I made my breakfast smoothie, the same as usual, but just as I was about to drink it, my doorbell rang. I opened the front door and there was Tochimaru-kun. Standing next to Tochimaru-kun was a middle-aged woman in a cheerleader's uniform. "Good morning," I said. "Can I help you?"

Tochimaru-kun didn't say anything. Instead, he grabbed the smoothie out of my hand and ran away.

I was shocked. But quickly I regained my senses and chased Tochimaru-kun down the street. He ran and ran. The woman ran behind us, singing, *"Hashire! Hashire! Tochimaru-kun."* 

"No!" I yelled. "Don't hashire!"

I chased him all the way to Suzumenomiya station, but I couldn't keep up. I fell to the ground, gasping for breath. Tochimaru-kun had stolen my breakfast.

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### Morning Speech Quiz

Friday October 18th, 2013

## 1.) Which of these foods is *not* an ingredient in Patrick-sensei's breakfast smoothie?

- a.) Milk
- b.) Cheese
- c.) Vegetable juice
- d.) Potato
- e.) Jam
- 2.) Why does Patrick-sensei feel hungry and weak today?
  - a.) Because he has a fever.
  - b.) Because he did not have breakfast.
  - c.) Because he chased Tochimaru-kun all the way to Suzumenomiya station.
  - d.) Because he is a weak man.

### 3.) How old was the person in the cheerleader's uniform?

- a.) Teenage
- b.) Young
- c.) Middle-aged
- d.) Very old
- e.) Literally a dinosaur
- f.) As old as the cosmos itself

- 4.) When Patrick-sensei opened his front door, where was the breakfast smoothie?
  - a.) In Patrick-sensei's kitchen
  - b.) In Patrick-sensei's refrigerator
  - c.) In Patrick-sensei's hand
  - d.) In Patrick-sensei's stomach
  - e.) All over Patrick-sensei's kitchen floor
- 5.) Why do you think Tochimaru-kun stole Patrick-sensei's breakfast?



## The Morning Speech

with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday November 1st, 2013

Good morning, students. Yesterday, I was eating lunch in the teachers' room, when I heard two familiar voices call out:

"Shitsureishimasu!"

"Shitsureishimasu!"

I couldn't believe my ears. It was Spiderman and Wolverine! "Get out of here, you rascals!" I told them. "*How dare you* bother me at work! *I'll beat you black and blue.*"

"No, no!" cried Spiderman.

"We came to buy things from PATMART," said Wolverine.

Then I understood. You see, students, there is a new shop at Utsunomiya Minami High School called PATMART, located at my desk. PATMART sells stickers, stationery, candy, and very interesting things like mix CDs of songs in English, and wonderful pictures drawn by me.

However, you cannot spend Japanese yen at PATMART. Instead, you need a special *currency* called PATBUCKS. I asked Spiderman and Wolverine, "Do you have any PATBUCKS?"

"I don't know what that is," whined Spiderman.

"Patrick-sensei, I will pay you in bars of pure gold!" suggested Wolverine.

"No," I said. "PATBUCKS only!"

Students, you can earn PATBUCKS by trying your best to learn English. First year students can earn them in Team Teaching class, but all students can earn PATBUCKS outside of class, by speaking to me in English, or by doing extra writing in English.

Information about PATBUCKS can be found next to the PATMART catalogue, on the notice board outside the teachers' room.

Please enjoy shopping at PATMART. See you soon!

#### How dare you!

善くもそんなことを!/挑戦いかに!

#### I'll beat you black and blue!

I'll beat you until your body is covered with bruises! currency

通貨

Name:

## Morning Speech Quiz

Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

### 1.) Why did Spiderman and Wolverine visit Patrick-sensei?

- a.) To steal his lunch
- b.) To beat him black and blue
- c.) To shop at PATMART
- d.) To ask him to help them with their English homework

# 2.) Which of these things *cannot* be bought at PATMART?

- a.) Candy
- b.) CDs of English-language music
- c.) Stationery
- d.) Phone charms
- e.) Pictures drawn by Patrick-sensei

### 3.) What did Wolverine offer to pay Patrick-sensei with?

- a.) Japanese yen
- b.) Australian dollars
- c.) US dollars
- d.) PATBUCKS
- e.) Gold

# 4.) Who can earn PATBUCKS and shop at PATMART?

- a.) First year students only
- b.) First and second year students
- c.) All students
- d.) All students and teachers
- e.) Only super-heroes

### 5.) Do you want to earn PATBUCKS? Why/why not?



### The Morning Speech with your host, Patrick-sensei

Friday November 8th, 2013

Good morning, students. I hope you had a good sleep last night. If you don't get enough sleep, your hair will fall out.

Last week it was Halloween. My friends and I decided to visit a haunted house. But we couldn't find a haunted house in Utsunomiya, so instead, we visited an abandoned love hotel.

We arrived at the love hotel at nine o'clock PM. It was cold and dark. The roof was broken, paint was peeling from the walls, and weeds were growing through cracks in the concrete floor.

Tom gave us a warning: "Be careful! There are spiders everywhere."

Some members of the group were worried about spiders, but not me. In Australia, there are spiders bigger than your head. Children play with them. We train them to help out in the kitchen.

Suddenly, a freezing gust of wind blew through the love hotel. "A ghost!" screamed Stacey. And she was right! It was the ghost of Anpanman.

"Hellooooo~!" said Anpanman, in a ghostly voice. "Welcome to my hooo~me!"

"I didn't know Anpanman was dead," said Annabelle.

"I'm nooo~t!" wailed Anpanman. "I live on in the dreee~ams of chi~ldren!"

"But this isn't a dream," I said to him. "Why are you here, in a love hotel?"

"Because I looo~ve yooo~u!" Anpanman replied.

We invited Anpanman to join the party. He drank a lot of whisky and told dirty stories. He made us feel uncomfortable, but since this was his home, we couldn't ask him to leave. It was the worst party ever.

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### Morning Speech Quiz

Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

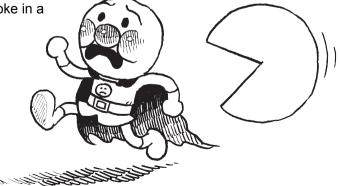
## 1.) Where did Patrick-sensei and his friends go on Halloween?

- a.) To a haunted house
- b.) To an abandoned love hotel
- c.) To Australia
- d.) To Tokyo Disneyland
- 2.) What do children in Australia do?
  - a.) Hunt ghosts
  - b.) Collect insects
  - c.) Play with big spiders
  - d.) Help out in the kitchen
  - e.) Drink a lot of whisky

## 3.) Why did Stacey think there was a ghost?

- a.) Because paint was peeling from the walls.
- b.) Because she felt a spider crawling on her.
- c.) Because a very cold wind suddenly blew.
- d.) Because Anpanman spoke in a ghostly voice.

- 4.) Patrick-sensei says that Anpanman "made us feel uncomfortable". What does this mean?
  - a.) Anpanman made the air too cold.
  - b.) Anpanman was scary, because he is a ghost.
  - c.) Anpanman was drinking too much and saying dirty things, like an *ojisan*.
  - d.) Anpanman was much older than everyone else, so it felt strange.
- 5.) Even if you eat his head, Anpanman won't die. Do you think Anpanman can be killed? How?



## The Morning Speech with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Good morning, students. I hope you had a good sleep last night. If you don't get enough sleep, your eyeballs will dry up and shrink and fall out of your head.

Today I want to tell you about some Australian animals. The Australian *continent* is very old and *isolated*, so many unique animals evolved there.

### The Kangaroo

The kangaroo is a tall, strong *marsupial*. Kangaroos have long tails and long feet, which they use for jumping and fighting. Some kinds of kangaroo are grey; other kinds have red fur. Baby kangaroos are called joeys. A female kangaroo carries her joey in her *pouch*.

### The Drop-Bear

The drop-bear is a large, dangerous cousin of the koala. But while koalas only eat gum leaves, drop-bears eat other animals. Drop-bears hunt by hiding in the high branches of a gum tree, waiting for an animal to walk by, then dropping from the tree onto the animal's head and attacking it with its teeth and claws. Australians sometimes wear big hats to protect themselves from drop-bear attacks.

### The Australian Pikachu

The Australian pikachu is actually not related to the Japanese pikachu, but looks very similar. It has yellow fur with dark stripes, pointed ears, and a crooked tail. However, the Australian pikachu is about one hundred centimetres tall and extremely heavy. Its nose is wide and flat, and instead of saying "Pika-pika!" the Australian pikachu says, "Weh."

I hope you have a chance to see these amazing animals someday.

continent
大陸
isolated
遠隔(の)
marsupial
有袋類
pouch
袋、ポケット
(marsupial's pouch = 育児囊)

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### Morning Speech Quiz

Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## 1.) What will happen if you don't get enough sleep?

- a.) Your eyeballs will dry up.
- b.) Your eyeballs will shrink.
- c.) Your eyeballs will fall out of your head.
- d.) All of the above

# 2.) What do kangaroos use their long tails and long feet for?

- a.) Jumping
- b.) Fighting
- c.) Hiding
- d.) Jumping and fighting
- e.) Jumping and hiding
- f.) Fighting and hiding

### 3.) What do drop-bears eat?

- a.) Koalas
- b.) Gum leaves
- c.) Other animals
- d.) Koalas and gum leaves
- e.) Gum leaves and other animals
- f.) Pocky



### 4.) Please circle the true statement.

- a.) The Australian pikachu's fur is a different colour than the Japanese pikachu's.
- b.) The Australian pikachu and the Japanese pikachu make the same sound.
- c.) The Australian pikachu is bigger than the Japanese pikachu.
- d.) The Australian pikachu's nose is small and cute.
- e.) None of this is true; it's all lies!

### 5.)-What is Truth?~

What is your favourite Australian animal? Why?

## The Morning Speech with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Good morning, students.

Recently I rode my bike to Joyful Honda, to buy some new blankets for my little kotatsu. That place is so big I wish I could ride my bike inside the store as well.

I found the kotatsu blankets, but there were so many kinds, I decided to ask a staff member for help. "Excuse me," I said.

"How can I help you?" said the staff member. He was short and cute and had a big, round head with sleepy eyes. In fact, it was Rilakkuma! This must be his part-time job.

I told Rilakkuma, "I'm not sure which kotatsu blanket I should buy."

"Well," he said, "which one do you like?"

"I like this brown one, but is it any good?"

"Let me show you." Rilakkuma crawled under the blanket. "You see?" he said. "It's very comfortable." He closed his eyes and fell asleep. "Hey, wake up!" I said, and shook him until he woke up. "You're supposed to be helping me choose a blanket."

"Of course," he said. "I'm sorry. Well, how about this blue one? It's very warm and cozy. Let me show you." He crawled under the blue blanket and fell asleep again.

"Hey!" I said, and shook him again, but this time he wouldn't wake up. I twisted his ears and kicked him in the head, but Rilakkuma just kept sleeping.

Eventually I bought some kotatsu blankets from Mega Donki instead.

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Name:

## Morning Speech Quiz

Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### 1.) Why does Patrick-sensei wish he could ride his bike inside Joyful Honda?

- a.) He loves to ride his bike everywhere.
- b.) Joyful Honda is too big to walk around easily.
- c.) He could put his shopping in the bike basket.
- d.) He wants to impress the checkout girls with his great bike. (checkout = レジ)

## 2.) Why did Patrick-sensei ask a staff member for help?

- a.) He couldn't find the kotatsu blankets.
- b.) There were too many kinds of kotatsu blanket.
- c.) He was trying to find Rilakkuma.
- d.) He wanted a part-time job.

### 4.) What did Patrick-sensei do to Rilakkuma's ears?

- a.) Kicked them
- b.) Tasted them
- c.) Tested them
- d.) Whispered in them
- e.) Twisted them
- 5.) Do you ever go to Interpark? What do you think about it? PATBUCK CHALLENGE! この質問を4 文以上で答えて、Patrick 先生に見せて、 パトバクゲットしよう!



## The Morning Speech

with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Good morning, students. I hope you had a pleasant New Year.

My smartphone is useful, but it's a little old, so I wrote a letter to Santa Claus: "Dear Santa, please bring me a new iPhone 5c."

On Christmas Eve, I put on a thick jumper, a fluffy scarf, my gloves and my coat, then I climbed onto the roof of my apartment building to wait for Santa Claus. I looked for his flying reindeer, and listened for sleigh bells.

But Santa Claus did not arrive on a sleigh. I saw him flying through the sky on the back of a dragon! He played electric guitar as the dragon landed on my building. "Merry *CHRISTMAAAAASSS!!*" he sang.

Santa looked different than I'd expected. He wore red clothes, but instead of a big white beard, he had big white hair – bigger than hair should be. And his boots were at least twenty centimetres tall.

"Have you come to bring me presents?" I asked.

"*NOOO*?" he told me. "I have come to bring you... *HEAVY METAAAL*!!" He played wicked licks on his guitar while the dragon breathed fire into the air. It nearly set the building on fire!

"But what about my iPhone?" I said.

"You don't *NEED ONE!* You've already got a *SMARTPHOOONE!* Just keep *USING* the one you've *GOT.*" He threw a Christmas present at me, then disappeared into the night, like a demon.

When I opened the present, it was ten pairs of underpants. Thanks, Santa.

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## Morning Speech Quiz

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Friday January 10th, 2014

### 1.) Why does Patrick-sensei want an iPhone 5c?

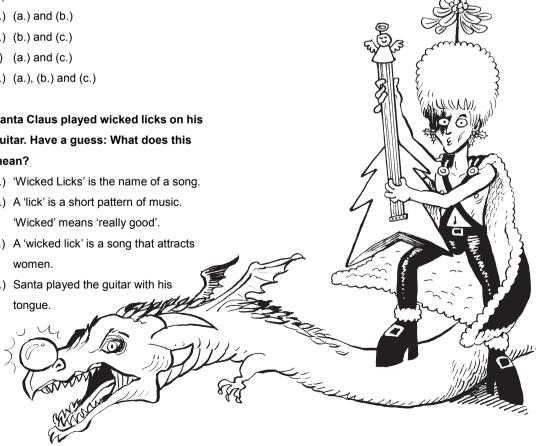
- a.) It's cheaper than an iPhone 5s.
- b.) It has better apps than an Android phone.
- c.) His smartphone is not useful.
- d.) His smartphone is a little old.
- 2.) What surprised Patrick-sensei about Santa's appearance?
  - a.) He wore red clothes.
  - b.) His hair was very big.
  - c.) His boots were tall.
  - d.) (a.) and (b.)
  - e.) (b.) and (c.)
  - f.) (a.) and (c.)
  - g.) (a.), (b.) and (c.)

### 3.) Santa Claus played wicked licks on his guitar. Have a guess: What does this mean?

- a.) 'Wicked Licks' is the name of a song.
- b.) A 'lick' is a short pattern of music. 'Wicked' means 'really good'.
- c.) A 'wicked lick' is a song that attracts women.
- d.) Santa played the guitar with his tongue.

- 4.) Patrick-sensei says, "Thanks, Santa." What are his feelings?
  - a.) He likes his Christmas present.
  - b.) He was happy to be visited by Santa Claus.
  - c.) He learned an important lesson from Santa Claus.
  - d.) He hates his Christmas present.
- 5.) Did you get a Christmas present? If you did, tell me about it. If you didn't, tell me what present you would like. この質問を4文以上で答えて、Patrick 先生に

見せて、パトバク**ゲット**しよう!



## The Morning Speech

with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday January 17th, 2014

Good morning, students.

Near my apartment there is a dry cleaning shop called Tsukino Cleaning. The owner of Tsukino Cleaning is Sailor Moon. She got divorced from Mamoru and is now a single mother running her own business.

My favourite pair of pants had a great big hole in the right leg, so I took them to Tsukino Cleaning to be repaired. One week later, when I went to pick them up, I had a shock. The hole had been repaired beautifully, but the legs were now much too short. They only came down to my knees! "What did you do to my pants!?" I cried.

Sailor Moon said, "Patrick-sensei, you must show people your legs, if you want to be popular."

"It's different for men," I said. I didn't want to be impolite, but these were my favourite pants. I told Sailor Moon, "Please change my pants back to normal, or you will have to pay for a new pair."

She became angry and pointed her Moon Stick at me. "How dare you speak that way to a single mother running her own business! In the name of the moon, I'll punish you!"

So, Sailor Moon and I had a magic battle. She was a strong enemy, but in the end I got her in a head-lock and told her, "In the name of the moon, fix my pants!" She fixed my pants and gave me five stamps on my stamp card.

Name:

## Morning Speech Quiz

Friday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## 1.) Complete this sentence: Sailor Moon...

- a.) ...has a husband and a child.
- b.) ...has a husband but no children.
- c.) ...has a child, but no husband.
- d.) ...is not married and has no children.

### 2.) When Patrick-sensei picked up his pants from Tsukino Cleaning, why was he shocked?

- a.) Sailor Moon had not repaired the hole.
- b.) Sailor Moon had repaired the hole badly.
- c.) Sailor Moon had made the pants very short.
- d.) Sailor Moon was wearing Patrick-sensei's pants.

### 3.) Sailor Moon says, "In the name

### of the moon, I'll \_\_\_\_\_ you!"

- a.) punish
- b.) punch
- c.) banish
- d.) vanish
- e.) varnish

### 4.) Who won the magic battle?

- a.) Sailor Moon
- b.) Patrick-sensei
- c.) It was a draw.
- d.) They both died.

### 5.) When you were a child, who was your favourite character? Imagine they live in Utsunomiya now. What is their job?

この質問を4文以上で答えて、Patrick先生に 見せて、パトバク**ゲット**しよう!



## The Morning Speech with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Good morning, students. Isn't it cold lately?

wrap, and fallen over.

Do you know 'bubble wrap'? In Japanese you call it 'air packing' or '*puchi-puchi*'. Well, I heard that in winter, if you cover your windows with bubble wrap, it will keep your house warm.

Instead of a window, my apartment has big glass doors leading to the balcony. I went to Joyful Honda and bought a big roll of bubble wrap, then went home and put bubble wrap over the whole door frame.

Later that night, I was woken from my sleep by a noise. 'Pop! Pop pop pop! Pop-pop-pop-pop'? The air felt very cold. I got out of bed and turned on the light. There, on the floor, was Spiderman! He was rolling around, trapped in a big sheet of bubble wrap.

"Help me, Patrick-sensei!" he cried. "Help me!"

Spiderman had come to kill me in my sleep. He had opened the glass doors, walked right into the bubble I was so angry. "Spiderman, you idiot! It took me a long time to put up that bubble wrap! Now the door is open and my room is cold."

"I'm sorry! I'm sorry, Patrick-sensei! Please help me!"

"No!" I said. "It serves you right for trying to kill me while I was sleeping, like a coward! I'll teach you a lesson you won't forget."

I left Spiderman trapped inside the bubble wrap. Then I wrapped him in brown paper, tied him up with string, and in the morning, I took him to the post office and mailed him to North Korea. Goodbye, Spiderman!

**It serves you right!** ざまあ見ろ! **To teach someone a lesson** 目にもの見せる

\_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_

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## Morning Speech Quiz

Friday January 24th, 2014

## 1.) Why did Patrick-sensei buy bubble wrap?

- a.) To wrap a special item
- b.) To trap Spiderman
- c.) To pop it for fun (プチプチつぶし)
- d.) To keep his apartment warm
- 2.) Why did Patrick-sensei wake up?
  - a.) He had a bad dream.
  - b.) He heard a popping noise.
  - c.) He felt too cold to sleep.
  - d.) His bedroom light was on.

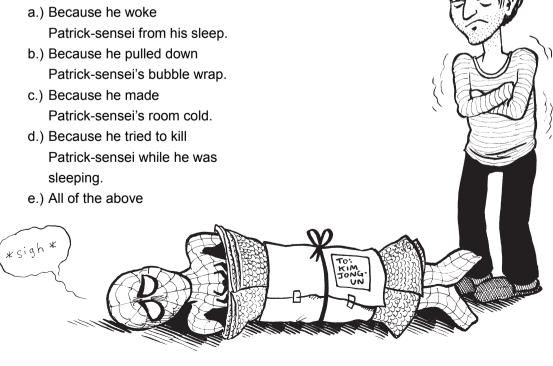
### 3.) Patrick-sensei calls Spiderman a coward. Why is Spiderman a coward?

## 4.) In the morning, where did Patrick-sensei take Spiderman?

- a.) Back to Spiderman's home
- b.) To the teachers' room
- c.) To the post office
- d.) To North Korea
- e.) To Funkytown

## 5.) In your home, how do you keep warm in winter?

この質問を4文以上で答えて、Patrick 先生に 見せて、パトバク**ゲット**しよう!



## The Morning Speech

with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

Good morning, students. Today I'd like to teach you about cricket.

Cricket was invented in England, hundreds of years ago. You might say it's England's national sport. Later, as the **British Empire** grew bigger and bigger, cricket became popular all over the world. For example, cricket is very popular in India, Pakistan and New Zealand – all countries that were invaded by the British. For the same reason, cricket is popular in Australia.

Cricket is also the most boring sport in the world. In Australia, it is mostly played by old, fat, white, racist men. There are two teams, with eleven fat men on each team. The men in one team stand around on a big field of grass, for hours and hours, waiting for something to happen. But nothing ever happens, so birds come and stand on the grass too. Meanwhile, the other team sits in the shade, away from the sun. After a long time, the two teams change places: the first team sits in the shade, and the second team goes out to stand on the grass with the birds.

This can continue for as long as five days, for a single game of cricket.

The most important cricket competition is played between England and Australia, and is called 'the Ashes'. This competition lasts for days and days and days. The winning team gets a cup full of dust.

If you ever have the chance to watch a game of cricket, please say, "No, thank you. I don't want to waste my life."

**The British Empire** 大英帝国 Name:

## **Morning Speech Quiz**

Friday January 31st, 2014

### 1.) Where was cricket invented?

- a.) Australia
- b.) India
- c.) England
- d.) America
- e.) The Dead Zone

## 2.) Cricket is popular in Australia because...

- a.) It's exciting and fun.
- b.) It's great exercise.
- c.) It has been part of Australian culture for over three hundred years.
- d.) The British invaded Australia and brought cricket with them.

### 3.) In cricket, while one team stands on the grass, what does the other team do?

- a.) They stand on the grass too.
- b.) They feed the birds.
- c.) They watch the grass grow.
- d.) They sit in the shade.
- e.) They talk to one another about their feelings.



- 4.) If you want to watch 'the Ashes', how much time do you need?
  - a.) One hour
  - b.) One afternoon
  - c.) One day
  - d.) Five days
  - e.) You should never watch a game of cricket.
- 5.) Cricket is England's 'national sport'. What do you think is the national sport of Japan? Why?

この質問を4文以上で答えて、Patrick 先生に 見せて、パトバク**ゲット**しよう!



\_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Morning Speech

with your host, Patrick-sensei Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Good morning, students. It's been a long time!

The exams are over, the third-year students have graduated, and the weather is slowly becoming warmer. It's the end of the school year.

On Wednesday morning, many junior high school students were waiting outside the school, to see if they had passed the entrance exam for Utsunomiya Minami High School. I put on my shoes and went outside to watch them. When the results were displayed, most of the students jumped and shouted with excitement. They hugged their parents and posed for photographs. I had never seen teenagers so happy about going to school.

Just outside the school gates, I saw a big brown bear waiting and watching. The bear was wearing an 'au' shirt and carrying a bag full of mobile phone catalogues, but I was not fooled by his disguise. I knew he wanted to kill and eat the junior high school students.

The bear looked dangerous, but I knew I had to protect my future students. "Get out of here, you bear!" I said.

"I'm not a bear," he lied. "And I'm not hungry anyway."

I didn't have time to argue, so I rolled up my sleeves and fought the bear. I punched him right in the mouth and he ran away.

Next year, I will keep protecting Utsunomiya Minami High School from bears. Also, we will have an English club next year. If you want to have fun speaking English, playing games, drawing comics or making movies, please join the English club. You can ask me or Akiyo-sensei for more information. Class: -

Name:

### Morning Speech Quiz

Friday March 14th, 2014

# 1.) The junior high school students jumped and shouted with

- a.) excited
- b.) incitement
- c.) excitement
- d.) eggs ointment
- e.) excrement

### 2.) Why was a big brown bear waiting outside the school gates?

- a.) To see the entrance exam results
- b.) To congratulate the students
- c.) To advertise 'au' mobile phones to the students
- d.) To kill and eat the students
- e.) To fight Patrick-sensei

## 3.) How did Patrick-sensei fight the bear?

- a.) He kicked the bear in the crotch.
- b.) He punched the bear in the crotch.
- c.) He kicked the bear in the mouth.
- d.) He punched the bear in the mouth.

- 4.) Whom can you ask for more information about the English club?
  - a.) Akiyo-sensei
  - b.) Patrick-sensei
  - c.) Akiyo-sensei or Patrick-sensei
  - d.) A big brown bear
  - e.) A great golden goat
  - f.) A massive mauve monkey
  - g.) A large lilac lemming
  - h.) A damned dirty ape
- 5.) Do you remember passing the entrance exam? How did you feel? How do you feel now? この質問を4文以上で答えて、Patrick 先生に

見せて、パトバク**ゲット**しよう!



## Answers

### Friday September 13th, 2013

#### (1.) b (2.) d (3.) c (4.) c

(5.) I think Shinozaki-sensei is best at fighting, because he is a kendo master, and he's so tall.

### Friday September 20th, 2013

#### (1.) c (2.) a (3.) b (4.) b

**(5.)** My favourite food is carrots. I'll eat anything, if it has carrots in it. Carrot icecream, carrot pancakes — you name it. If Wolverine stole my lunch, I would call the police!

#### Friday September 27th, 2013

#### (1.) c (2.) b (3.) d (4.) d

(5.) I think he's lucky, because I love Doraemon! I wish I could eat breakfast with Doraemon.

### Friday October 11th, 2013

#### (1.) c (2.) d (3.) c (4.) a

**(5.)** These things are determined by the gods themselves. Sometimes, a teacher will fall into a pond, and no-one is to blame.

#### Friday October 18th, 2013

#### (1.) b (2.) b (3.) c (4.) c

(5.) My theory is that Tochimaru-kun is some kind of vampire. In order to survive, he must steal energy from other people's breakfasts.

### Friday November 1st, 2013

#### (1.) c (2.) d (3.) e (4.) c

(5.) No, I don't. Patrick-sensei is stupid. I hate school. I hate English!!

#### Friday November 8th, 2013

### (1.) b (2.) c (3.) c (4.) c

(5.) To kill Anpanman, you need help from a priest. With special prayers and rituals, the priest must bless a bread knife. If you cut Anpanman with the blessed bread knife, he cannot heal. So you must cut his head into a hundred small pieces, and feed them to a hundred children. Then Anpanman will die, but the children who ate him will be cursed for three generations.

### Friday November 15th, 2013

#### (1.) d (2.) d (3.) c (4.) c or e

**(5.)** My favourite Australian animal is the lamington. I love its fuzzy skin and delicious, sweet insides.

### Friday December 6th, 2013

#### (1.) b (2.) b (3.) c (4.) e

**(5.)** Yes, I often go there after school with my friends. Sometimes we go shopping, sometimes we see a movie, and sometimes we wait in carparks until after sunset and rob people.

#### Friday January 10th, 2014

### (1.) d (2.) e (3.) b (4.) d

**(5.)** I was given a pet goat. I love my goat. His name is Bevan. He eats cutlery and old socks.

#### Friday January 17th, 2014

#### (1.) c (2.) c (3.) a (4.) b

**(5.)** My favourite character was Satoshi from Pokémon. These days, he is a policeman. He is a bad policeman who runs illegal dog fights. He also takes money from the yakuza.

#### Friday January 24th, 2014

#### (1.) d (2.) b (3.) d (4.) c

**(5.)** My family sits at the kotatsu together. We have an electric heater but Dad says it's too expensive. I sleep under many blankets, and sometimes the cat sleeps on me.

#### Friday January 31st, 2014

### (1.) c (2.) d (3.) d (4.) e

(5.) I think it must be sumo, because sumo was invented in Japan. On the other hand, baseball is more popular than sumo, so maybe it's baseball.

### Friday March 14th, 2014

### (1.) c (2.) d (3.) d (4.) c

**(5.)** I felt excited, but I was a fool. Now I know that high school is nothing but misery and hardship. Truly, days of youth are rife with folly.