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では、始めます。

My name is Kenta Kimura. I live with my parents, my little sister, and my grandfather. I'm going to tell you about my job.

Every morning I go around town by bike to put newspapers in the mailboxes of fifty families. Why did I begin to do this job?

It all started three years ago. I was eleven years old and in elementary school. At that time, my grandfather was doing that job. He was over seventy years old. One evening when we were eating dinner, he suddenly fell from his chair, and couldn't stand up by himself because his leg was broken. Soon, he was carried to the hospital. The doctor told us that his condition was not serious, but he was going to be in the hospital for a week.

We had one problem. Who was going to carry the newspapers to those fifty families every morning? We talked about it, and I said I would do the job. At first, my parents didn't like the idea. They said that I was too young and I wasn't able to get up early in the morning. It was necessary to get up at five. I said that I really wanted to do the job. Finally, my parents agreed with me, and I told my grandfather about my decision. He just looked at me without saying anything, but I knew he was very happy. I saw tears in his eyes.

The next morning I got up at four and went to the newspaper office by bike. The man at the newspaper office showed me how to do the job and gave me a map of the fifty families that I should visit. He and I started to go around to all the houses together. It took one and a half hours to finish the job. I was very tired but also very happy. After school, I went to my grandfather's hospital with my mother and sister. I told my grandfather about my first day on the job. He smiled and said, "Thank you very much. I respect your hard work."

Since that day I have kept doing the same job. Some of the customers talk to me and encourage me. They say, "Thank you very much. You are doing a great job. Your job will lead to a good life in the future." They sometimes give me some fruits or drinks.

Now I finish my job in an hour every morning. The bike I ride now is my second one. I get some money for my job every month, and I bought a new bike with that money. I have also saved some money. I am going to continue carrying newspapers to many people for as long as possible. I feel my job is useful, and take great pleasure in doing it.

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繰り返します。

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これで、聞き取り問題の放送を終了します。ほかの問題の解答に移ってください。