

## Lesson 13: I want to improve

レッスン 13: 上達したいです

Target: Expressing desire correctly  
目的: 欲求を正しく表現しましょう!Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

|                   |          |                  |         |
|-------------------|----------|------------------|---------|
| • almost          | ほとんど     | • cycle          | 自転車に乗る  |
| • take a trip     | 旅行する     | • far away       | 遠く離れて   |
| • let (S) (V)     | ~させる     | • pretty (adj)   | かなり     |
| • such            | それほどの    | • keep (ing)     | ~し続ける   |
| • an industry     | 工業       | • a tow truck    | けん引トラック |
| • work with...    | ~とともに働く  | • splurge        | ぜいたくをする |
| • sensible        | 目的にふさわしい | • a roof         | 屋上      |
| • dye... (color)  | ~を染める    | • while (S) (V)  | ~する間に   |
| • go back & forth | うろうろする   | • quit one's job | 仕事を辞める  |

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Hi, my name is Melanie, and I would like to change almost everything about my life.

First, my job. Now, I work in a bank. It's so boring. I hate my job. I always sit at my desk and use a computer. I never meet customers or take business trips. I'd like to have a more interesting job. I want a job that pays lots of money, and I'd like a job that lets me travel. Also, I want a job that doesn't have such long hours.

I think I'd like to work in the fashion or the entertainment industry. I'd like to work with beautiful people, and I'd like to work with clothes. At my job now, I wear a boring suit to work every day. I want to wear interesting clothes to work. I'd like to design my own clothes. Also, because I work in a bank, I have a boring, sensible haircut. I want to dye my hair green or purple, but I can't.

Another thing I'd like to change is my commute. I really don't like commuting to work. Every day I need to spend two hours going back and forth to work. I want to be able to wake up and just walk or maybe cycle to work. I really don't like living so far away. Also, I'd really like to work for a company that is located right in the center of the city, so when I finish work I can go out and meet my friends and not have to always worry about getting the last train.

Working in the bank has one good point - I earn good money. But right now I have a pretty old car and it keeps breaking down. I really don't like calling tow trucks. I have enough money so I'd like to buy a new one. I want something fast. Maybe I'll buy a Mazda MX5, or I might splurge and buy a Porche 911. I can't decide. I want to drive around town with the roof down and feel the wind in my hair.

I don't get many holidays working at the bank. I'd like to travel around southeast Asia, but I don't have the time. I want to go to Thailand. I'd like to see the Golden Temple in Bangkok, relax on a beach in Phuket and enjoy cocktails while the sun sets over the ocean.

Maybe I'll quit my job next year, after I buy my new car of course!

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Would she like to change almost everything about her life?
2. Would she like a job that lets her travel?
3. What kind of people would she like to work with?
4. What colors does she want to dye her hair?
5. Does she want a fast or a slow car?
6. Does she want to work for a company that is right in the center of the city?
7. What temple would she like to see?
8. How many examples of desire can you find?

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