

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 41: Are you still a vegetarian?

レッスン 41: まだベジタリアンですか?

Target: Linking the past to the present using "still" & "anymore"
 目的: "まだ" や "もう~ない" を使って過去と現在を繋げましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a clerk	事務員	• single	独身の
• off	休みの	• lonely	寂しい
• on a team	チームに	• get by	どうにかやっていく
• healthy	健康な	• day-to-day	毎日の
• practice	練習	• cable TV	ケーブルテレビ
• a diet	日常の飲食物	• broadcast...	放送する
• dump...	(恋人を) 振る	• instead of...	~の代わりに
• decide to (verb)	~することに決める	• get better	良くなる
• a pint	約 500cc	• these days	この頃

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

Hi, I'm Clinton. I live in Kanagawa, Japan, but I am not from Kanagawa. I come from Sydney, Australia. I came to Japan last year. I like it, but it is very different from Australia.

Last year, I was a clerk. I worked in an office from 9 am to 5:30 pm every day. I worked from Monday to Friday, and I was off on the weekend. In the evenings, I usually met my friends and we drank beer in the local pub. I had a girlfriend, and I usually met her at the weekend. We often went to see movies and we always spoke English, of course. I was on a local Aussie rules team. We had practice every Sunday. I also liked watching Aussie rules. I usually watched it in the pub with my friends. I didn't have a healthy diet. I often ate fast food like fried chicken and potato chips, so I was a little fat.

One day though, my girlfriend dumped me. I decided to come to Japan, and now my life is very different.

I'm not a clerk anymore. Now, I'm an English teacher. I work at the Happy Times English School in Kanagawa. I don't work from Monday to Friday anymore. Now, I work from Monday to Saturday. I work 6 days a week. I still drink beer in the evenings though. I finish at 7:30, then meet my new friends for a pint or six. I don't have a girlfriend anymore. I'm single now. It's lonely sometimes, but I enjoy my free time. I still see movies at the weekend, but now I go by myself. I still speak English, of course, but now I'm also studying Japanese. I can get by in Japanese for easy day-to-day stuff. I can't read a newspaper or anything like that though.

I don't play Aussie rules anymore. There aren't any Aussie rules teams in Japan. I still sometimes watch it on TV though. I have cable TV and sometimes they will broadcast a game or two. Instead of playing Aussie rules, I play indoor soccer with my friends. I only started a few months ago so I'm still pretty bad, but I think I'm slowly getting better.

My diet is healthier now. I still eat snacks sometimes, but I usually eat healthy Japanese food these days. Because my diet is better and I'm exercising a lot, I'm not fat anymore so maybe I will be able to get a new girlfriend soon.

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Answer the questions below

- Is he still a clerk?
- Does he still work from Monday to Friday?
- Does he still drink beer?
- Does he still have a girlfriend?
- What language does he still speak?
- What sport doesn't he play anymore?
- What does he still eat sometimes?
- How many examples of "still" & "anymore" can you find?

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