

Grammar Lesson  
**Lesson 01: I have so much stuff to do!**  
レッスン 01: 色々なことをしなければならない!**Target: Expressing obligation**  
目的: しなければならないことについて話しましょう!Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a ton of...	たくさんの	• come through for...	期待に応える
• a complete mess	ひどい散らかりよう	• longtime	昔からの
• however	しかし	• run an errand	用事を済ませる
• out of the way	人通りを離れて	• pile up	山積する
• get around to...	~するための時間を見つける	• on one's plate	やるべきこと
• considering that	を考えると	• a whirlwind of...	慌ただしさ
• give someone a hand	(人)に手を貸す	• get oneself organized	整理整頓する
• a life saver	命の恩人	• accomplish...	果たす
• unruly	荒れている	• one's in-laws	義理の両親

## 1

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

**Peter:** I have a ton of things to do today. My house is a complete mess. I have to dust and clean up my room, renew my bus pass and sort the laundry. I need to mop the floor, but I don't have time so I'll do it tomorrow. However, I must take out the garbage as it smells quite bad. I should do a load of laundry too, but my washing machine is broken and the coin laundry is a bit out of the way; I'll get around to it sometime tomorrow.

**Sam:** My wife is supposed to pick up the kids from school today and take them to soccer practice. I did it last week so it's her turn this week. She's got to make dinner for our house guests this evening so I may need to give her a hand. Considering that, I ought to mow the lawn as it's getting a bit unruly. My wife always says that I'm a life saver as I always come through for her by helping out! The Johnsons are longtime friends of ours and they're always a pleasure to have as company. My wife and Mrs. Johnson often run errands together and have afternoon tea. It seems they have to meet at least once a week for some reason or another.

**Brian:** Why me? It seems every day I have an unbelievable list of things that I must do. It's definitely not my week. My tasks at work are piling up and I have a ton on my plate. I've got to finish my report by Friday this week for the meeting the following Monday. I ought to reschedule it as I can't see any way I'll be able to finish on time, but I have to do it. Plus, Thursday I have to go to Tokyo for a one day business trip. I have to give a presentation on the sales plan for the second half of the year. This is going to be a whirlwind of a week. I've got to get myself organized quickly so I can accomplish everything I have to do.

**Stacy:** I'm so busy this week. There are just so many things that I have to do. My in-laws are coming over for dinner today so let's have a look at my to-do-list. Hmm, I have to clean the house. I need to wash all the dishes. I need to do the laundry. I have to do the ironing. I have to vacuum the floor. I need to dust the living room. I have to buy all the ingredients for dinner and then I've got to cook dinner. I need to pick the kids up from school at 4:00pm and I have to pick up my husband from the station at 6:00pm. Also, I'm supposed to go over to my friend's house to drop off a DVD I rented but I don't think I'm going to have time for that so I guess I'll just have to do that tomorrow. My in-laws are arriving at 7:30pm, so I need to finish everything before they arrive. This is going to be hard.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Who has to renew their bus pass?
- What must Peter take out?
- Who is supposed to pick the kids up from soccer practice?
- Who ought to mow the lawn?
- Who has got to finish a report by Friday?
- What does Stacy need to vacuum?
- What time does Stacy need to pick up her kids from school?
- How many examples of obligation can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 02: You don't need to do that

## レッスン 02: それしなくてもいいよ

Target: Expressing a lack of necessity

目的: しなくてもいいことについて話しましょう!!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• due	提出期日	• duck out	外に出る
• reduce...	少なくする	• a follow-up meeting	フォローアップ会議
• a workload	仕事量	• a priority	優先すること
• previously	前に	• have (person) around	(人)をそばに置いておく
• additionally	さらに	• Xerox...	コピーする
• experienced	経験豊かな	• rudimentary	基礎の
• owe...	~のおかげである	• pale in comparison to...	に負けている
• repay...	報いる	• a division	部
• cover	代わりをする	• operations	運用

## 1

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

I did so much last week that I don't need to do many things this week. I'm really happy that I don't have to go over my report. It was due by Friday this week, but I finished it early. Plus, we recently hired a new assistant at work, which has really reduced my workload. I don't have to translate any documents into English or proofread previously translated documents. Additionally, I don't need to schedule my own meetings now since my assistant does it for me. And, helping the new assistant with the daily office tasks isn't necessary as she's quite experienced.

However, I still owe Tom for helping me with the ABC project. I know he's really easygoing and repaying him isn't important, but he also covered for me last month when I was sick so I'd like to do something to thank him. He typically always ducks out to have a smoke in the mid-afternoon. Maybe I can catch him tomorrow and give him some tickets to the basketball game this weekend. He's a huge Lakers fan. Last year he saw every home game of the season.

It's unbelievable the amount of work we finished last week. We don't need to give the sales presentation until next week and scheduling the follow-up meeting isn't a priority, since our new assistant will handle it. I can't express how much simpler my work will be having a full time assistant around. I don't have to think about Xeroxing, faxing, making coffee and other rudimentary tasks, since I can rely on her to see to all these.

Also, on Friday last week, we all had to go to Mr. Suzuki's retirement party. It was pretty good. They had an open bar, and everyone had lots of fun. I was lucky because I didn't have to do anything to organize the party, my amazing new assistant took care of everything for me. Retiring would be wonderful. I wouldn't have to wake up early, I wouldn't need to commute to work and best of all I wouldn't need to wear a suit and tie every day.

All of this pales in comparison to my husband's job. He was recently promoted to head manager of his division and he doesn't have to do a lot of his previous tasks. Scheduling regular meetings with staff isn't his responsibility anymore. He has his own staff of people that work directly under him. He doesn't need to translate sales reports into English or go over monthly operations reports. Although he still has to proofread legal documents for his boss. He moved up the ladder, but he still has a ways to go till he reaches the top!

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Does she have to go over her report?
- Does she need to translate documents into Japanese?
- What isn't necessary for her to do anymore?
- Who isn't it important to repay?
- Is scheduling the follow-up meeting a priority?
- Did she have to do anything to organize the retirement party?
- Does her husband need to do a lot of his previous tasks?
- How many examples of "lack of necessity" can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 03: As I was leaving the house...

## レッスン 03: 家を出ようとしていたところ

Target: Using "as" in different situations

目的: ASを使って色々な使い方を勉強しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• head off	去る	• regarding	～について
• demanding	要求が多い	• handle...	対処する
• satisfy...	要求を満たす	• a complaint	クレーム
• truly	本当に	• thankless	感謝されない
• have a laugh	大笑いする	• unlock...	開錠する
• oddly	奇妙に	• leak	漏れる
• out of place	置き違い	• considerable	かなりの
• wear on	時がたつ	• from time to time	時々
• phone in	電話を入れる	• take a detour	迂回する

## 1

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

As I work as a sales account manager, my job takes me many places. I'm always heading off to this client's office or that client's office. I have many demanding customers and satisfying all of them is truly a full time job. Sometimes I wish there was more time in the day to get things done.

The other day as I was getting into my car, I saw Bill walk into the coffee shop just across the street. I had no idea we both went to the same coffee shop. After I got to work, I mentioned it to him and we had a good laugh. I normally order the double espresso as I am a big coffee fan, but Bill normally just gets a latte.

My office at work is usually quite a mess, so I'm lucky that my company hires a cleaning lady. Usually the cleaning lady leaves my office as is, but oddly a number of things were out of place this morning. I noticed a few things were out of place as I was sitting at my desk about to call one of my clients. As the day wore on, I got busier and busier. There were a number of clients who phoned in with issues regarding their most recent orders. As I'm their account manager, I have to handle all the complaints and issues they have. It's a thankless job, but someone has to do it.

One client actually told me as he got to his store, unlocked the front door and went in, he noticed some of the products delivered the previous day were leaking all over the floor. After cleaning up the considerable mess, he sat down at his desk and dialed me immediately. This type of situation is rare, but it does happen from time to time and I have to be prepared to handle it as best I can.

Later in the evening as I was driving home, my wife messaged me asking me to buy some things from the grocery store. So I took a quick detour to the store to pick up some stuff for dinner as she'd asked me to.

When I got home, I gave her the stuff I had picked up from the grocery store then I sat down and watched a little TV. As I was about to get up and see if my wife needed a hand in the kitchen she came out and surprised me with a delicious dinner. It was Thai curry! The dinner was delicious, and as she'd cooked dinner, I volunteered to do the washing up.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Does he work as a sales account manager?
- Who did he see as he was getting into his car?
- Why did he order a double espresso?
- What did he notice as he was sitting at his desk?
- What happened as the day wore on?
- Who messaged him as he was driving home?
- Why did he volunteer to do the washing up?
- How many examples of "as" can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 04: Could you repeat that?  
レッスン 04: もう一度言っていましたか?

**Target: Asking what unfamiliar words mean in English**  
 目的: 見慣れない単語の意味を英語で確認してみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• to have a lot on one's plate	たくさんやることがある
• a cash cow	もうかる商品
• to keep something under wraps	～を隠しておく
• to leak out	漏れる
• competitive advantage	競争上の優位性
• to keep something secret	～を隠しておく
• Shoot	じゃあ、話して!
• to scale back something	規模を縮小する
• to work out the kinks (in something)	解決すべき問題点がまだいくつか残っている。

## 1

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

**Jon:** Hey David, can you give me a hand with this please?  
**David:** Sure. But I'm a little busy, I've got a lot on my plate at the moment.  
**Jon:** Sorry? What does that mean?  
**David:** I mean there are lots of things I need to do.  
**Jon:** Ah, OK.  
**David:** So, how can I help?  
**Jon:** It's a report I'm working on. I just have a few questions. What does "cash cow" mean?  
**David:** Oh, a cash cow is something that makes a business a lot of money.  
**Jon:** Ah, I see. Thanks. And here it says that we need to keep this part of the project under wraps. Why do you think that is?  
**David:** Well, if the information leaks out then we could lose our competitive advantage which would not be good for the company.  
**Jon:** Would you mind repeating that?  
**David:** Sure. If the information leaks out then we could lose our competitive advantage which would not be good for the company.  
**Jon:** So, you're saying that it's really important to keep this secret?  
**David:** Exactly.  
**Jon:** OK, great. I understand. I just have one final question.  
**David:** Shoot.  
**Jon:** The other day I saw James and he looked pretty upset. Do you know why that was?  
**David:** Yeah. The boss just scaled back his hours.  
**Jon:** I didn't catch that. Can you speak more slowly?  
**David:** Sure. What I said was, the boss just scaled back his hours.  
**Jon:** So, he had his hours reduced?  
**David:** That's correct.  
**Jon:** OK. I see. By the way, how's your project going?  
**David:** We are still working out a few kinks.  
**Jon:** What's "a kink?"  
**David:** Ah, "a kink" is "a problem."  
**Jon:** So, you mean there are still a few problems you need to solve?  
**David:** Yeah, pretty much.  
**Jon:** OK. Good luck.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Jon say to ask what "cash cow" means?
2. What does Jon say to explain what "cash cow" means?
3. What does Jon say when he wants David to repeat what he said?
4. What does Jon say when he paraphrases what David said?
5. What does David say to state Jon's paraphrase is correct?
6. What does Jon say when he didn't hear something?
7. What does Jon say when he wants David to speak more slowly?
8. What does Jon say when he wants to know what "a kink" means?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 05: When I was a student...

## レッスン 05: 学生の時...

**Target: Talking about when you do actions using "when"**  
 目的: Whenを使って、何かをする時のことについて話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• one's school days	学生時代	• energetic	活動的な
• childhood	幼児期	• mellow out	気分が落ち着く
• a fond memory	懐かしい思い出	• mischievous	いたずら好きな
• impressionable	感受性の強い	• a fraternity	男子学生の社交クラブ
• naughty	いたずらな	• thankfully	ありがたいことに
• adventurous	大胆な	• a frat brother	男子学生の社交クラブの友人
• impulsive	衝動的な	• fortunate	幸福な
• a tomboy	おてんば娘	• buckle down	真面目に取り組む
• competitive	競争心の強い	• cheeky	ずうずうしい

## 1

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

I remember my school days like they were yesterday. There is no time like that of childhood and one's school years. From the time I was a kid through my years as a college student, I have many fond memories. I learned so much when I was a kid. I was a typical child with a young impressionable mind.

I collected comic books and played a ton of video games when I was an elementary school student. However, I was always well-behaved and never naughty in class. I had my adventurous and impulsive side that got me into plenty of trouble at home. My sister was a real tomboy and loved playing sports. She played tennis and volleyball when she was in junior high and she was super competitive. She would always do her best when she had a game or tournament to play.

My younger brother was really into sports when he was about 10 or so, but he stopped playing sports in high school and just played video games and watched movies a lot. He's a little fat now, I think he regrets not exercising more when he had the time.

My older brother was energetic when he was a teenager, but he mellowed out as a high school student. He was really mischievous when he was a college student though, likely due to being in a fraternity. Thankfully he learned how to cook when he was in college as he could barely boil water before he left for school. He and his frat brothers threw huge parties when they were in college.

I look back and feel fortunate for many things. I played many sports when I was in elementary and junior high school. I was pretty wild when I was in high school, but I truly buckled down and studied hard in college. I learned a lot and have much to be thankful for throughout my very ideal childhood.

Now I remind my two boys to always bring their books when they go to class. As well, they need to be sure to complete their homework when their teacher gives them a deadline. They know that no cheeky behavior is acceptable when the teacher assigns them homework. My kids are great, but they can be quite mischievous when they are at school. You know what they say, "boys will be boys!"

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Did he learn a lot when he was a kid?
- When did he collect comic books?
- When did his sister play tennis and volleyball?
- Was his brother into sports when he was about 10 or so?
- When was his older brother energetic?
- What does he remind his kids to always bring when they go to class?
- When are his kids quite mischievous?
- How many examples of "when" can you find?

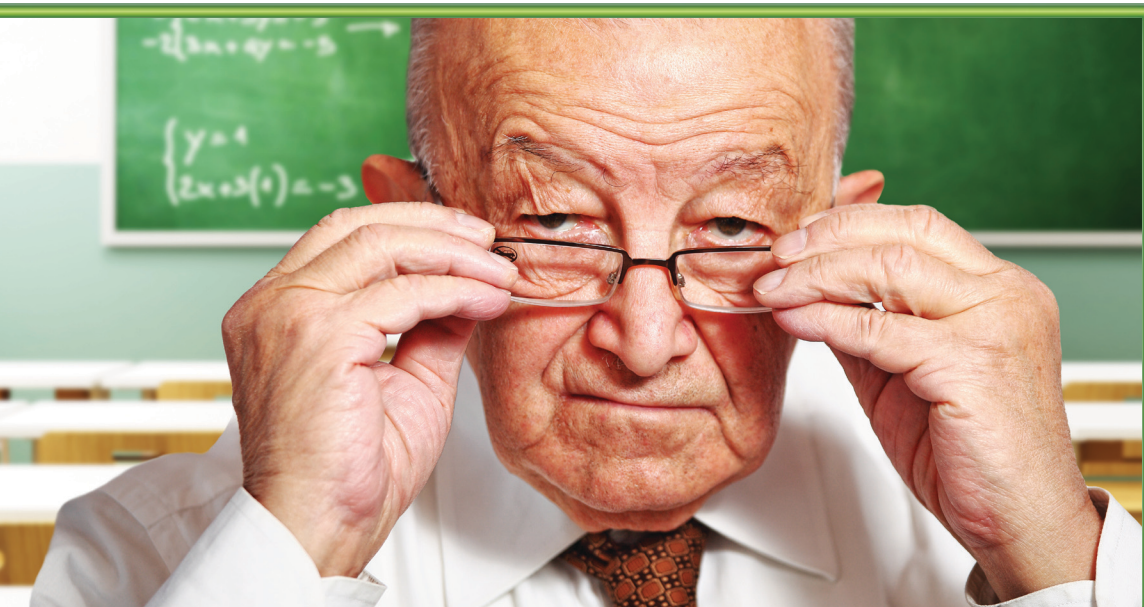
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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 06: I used to study science

## レッスン 06: 昔、科学を勉強していました

**Target: Talking about long actions in the past using "used to"**  
 目的: used toを使って、過去長い間していた事について話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• diverse	さまざまな	• a shipyard	造船所
• make up...	作り上げる	• a gantry crane	ガントリークレーン
• background	経歴	• abruptly	不意に
• a speech therapist	言語聴覚士	• resident	研修医
• psychiatric	精神科の	• endless	終わりのない
• speech recognition	音声認識	• a variety of...	バラエティ豊かな
• a patient	病人	• a generation	世代
• major in...	～を専攻する	• pool...	共同出資する
• a corporation	民間企業、政府の団体	• enrich...	豊かにする、充実させる

## 1

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

I work with a diverse group of people. We all teach, but we all came to teaching from very different backgrounds. I currently have four co-workers whom I work directly with every day. Together we make up a very strong work team.

Kim has a background in linguistics. She studied at UCLA and graduated at the top of her class. She used to work as a speech therapist in the 90s. She also used to work at a well-known psychiatric hospital helping therapists out with their patients. After this she actually moved into the I.T. industry. She used to help design speech recognition software like the ones you speak commands into on your uPhone.

Jake studied both physics and chemistry at uni, but he majored in mathematics and engineering. He used to work for a large corporation that engineered heavy machinery for shipyards. He was their chief engineer in design of gantry cranes. However, after nearly ten years in the industry he decided to abruptly change to teaching. He told he that he really prefers being a teacher to being an engineer because he loves helping people.

Adam is our resident art major. His creativity is endless which comes in handy when teaching and designing fun lessons. Some of the worksheets that he designs for his class are just amazing. He used to work for an animation company. He drew the animation cells used in movies and TV shows. He used to write his own comic strip when he was a college student, but he moved on to bigger things after graduating.

Sandra is the writer of the group. She studied journalism and used to work for a national magazine in her home country. She wrote a wide variety of stories from historical topics to current events. Her goal used to be to get on the best seller's list, but now she strives to teach the next generation of young English journalists.

All of us used to do completely different jobs, but now we pool our knowledge and experience together to make a truly great teaching team. We bring our unique view of the world to the classroom to enrich the learning experience of our students!

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Who used to work as a speech therapist?
- Did Kim use to help design speech recognition software?
- Did Adam use to work in engineering?
- Did Jake use to work for an animation company?
- Who used to write their own comic strip?
- What did Sandra's goal use to be?
- Did all of the people use to work different jobs?
- How many examples of "used to" can you find?

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## Vocabulary Lesson

Lesson 07: I didn't like the principal  
レッスン 07: 校長先生が好きではありませんでした

Target: Talking about school life in detail  
目的: 学生時代について詳しく話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• continually	持続的に	• reflect...	評価をもたらす
• I must admit	認めざるを得ない	• do well on a test	試験で好結果を出す
• excessively	過剰な	• finish strong	最後まで踏ん張る
• abundant	十分な	• mostly	大部分は
• administration	運営陣	• thanks to...	~のおかげで
• fill in	代わりを務める	• punish...	(人)を罰する
• It turns out...	ということが分かる	• atmosphere	雰囲気
• exceed...	超える	• ultra-	極端な
• an expectation	期待	• motivate...	やる気にさせる

## 1

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

My son continually complains about his school life. I remember when I was a kid, I never complained, but instead simply did as I was told. However, I must admit school life has become more complicated over the years. I don't remember my school having so much staff. My son's school has a principal, vice-principal and excessively abundant administration staff.

Sometimes I find myself lost on the campus when I go for parent teacher night. My wife and I had to go just last week for one of these events. We got to meet our son's teacher, athletics instructor, the school librarian, and even his substitute teacher who fills in from time to time. It took quite a long time to sit down and talk with everyone, but we had a good time and were very pleased with everything.

It turns out that our son is doing even better than we thought. His assignments recently have been exceeding the teacher's expectations and his report card reflects it. His teacher told us to be sure he studies hard for the upcoming final examinations. He did really well on his midterms and now needs to make sure to finish the semester strong. We figure it's mostly thanks to putting him in a private school rather than public.

We want him to graduate at the top of his class. It's rare that students drop out or are expelled from his school. Most students get good grades and never get into trouble. The principal's office is not known as a place where kids are punished, which is a great atmosphere. I remember when I was a student, if you did one thing wrong in class you were sent to the principal's office. It wasn't rare to see five or six kids waiting on the bench in front of the principal's office. Luckily though, I was never one of them.

We chose the school because the facilities were so nice and we were reminded of this at the parent teacher night. The cafeteria, gymnasium and playground are all brand new and well maintained. We'll definitely send our younger son here when he starts school. Our two boys are ultra-competitive. Our younger son wants to be just like his older brother so he always wants to enroll in all the same classes as his brother. My wife worries sometimes, but I figure that there's nothing better than a little healthy competition to motivate them!

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What event did they go to at their son's school last week?
2. What teachers did they meet?
3. Have their son's assignments been exceeding the teacher's expectations?
4. How did their son do on the midterms?
5. Did his parents put him in a public or private school?
6. Is it rare for students to get expelled from his school?
7. What facilities at the school are brand new?
8. Does their younger son want to enroll in different classes to his brother?

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Speaking Lesson

# Lesson 08: Long time no see

## レッスン 08: 久しぶりだね

Target: Catching up with old friends

目的: 久々に再会した昔の友達と近況報告し合ひましょう!

Reading  
単語



New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• Oh my gosh	信じられない!
• no kidding	本当に?
• real estate	不動産
• dry up	枯渇する
• take an opportunity to...	チャンスを利用する
• a career	経歴
• logistics	物流
• multinational	多国籍企業
• head up...	を率いる

1

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

**Brian:** Craig? Craig Conner? Is that you?  
**Craig:** Oh my gosh, Brian! Brian Weaver.  
**Brian:** Yep. Fancy running into you here!  
**Craig:** Yeah, no kidding. What are the odds?  
**Brian:** Got to be one in a million at least; haha! How long has it been?  
**Craig:** Good question. I don't know, it's been ages.  
**Brian:** Yeah. Well, how have you been? What's new?  
**Craig:** I've been really good actually. I finally finished my master's degree and I'm working in R&D for a big I.T. company.  
**Brian:** No kidding, that's great. Are you still with Kate?  
**Craig:** Yeah, actually we got married last spring.  
**Brian:** Congratulations!  
**Craig:** Thanks. How about yourself? Are you still working in real estate?  
**Brian:** No, not anymore. The market dried up and I took the opportunity to change directions in my career.  
**Craig:** Really? What are you doing now?  
**Brian:** I work in logistics for a multinational corporation. I head up the supply chain department for a large food and beverage distribution company.  
**Craig:** Wow, that sounds excellent! How's Beth doing these days?  
**Brian:** She's doing really well. We actually had our first baby just last winter.  
**Craig:** Congratulations! Was it a boy or girl?  
**Brian:** It was a girl and we named her Naomi.  
**Craig:** Wow, it really has been too long. So much has changed with you.  
**Brian:** You too.  
**Craig:** I've got to run, but we should get together sometime.  
**Brian:** Absolutely, Beth would love to see you.  
**Craig:** That'd be great.  
**Brian:** Here's my contact info. Give me a call sometime and let's set something up.  
**Craig:** Will do. Good seeing you, take care!  
**Brian:** You too!  
**Craig:** Bye.

2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Brian say to show that he is surprised to meet him?
2. What does Brian say to ask Craig how long it's been since they last met?
3. What does Craig say to state it's been a long time since they met last.
4. What does Brian say to ask Craig how he's been since they last met?
5. What does Craig say to reverse a question?
6. What does Craig say to ask about Brian's wife?
7. What does Craig say to state he needs to leave?
8. What does Craig say to say goodbye?

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## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 09: I have been to Rome  
レッスン 09: ローマに行ったことがあります

**Target: Talking about experiences using the present perfect tense**  
 目的: 現在完了形を使って、体験した事について話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• mind boggling	信じられないような	• breathtaking	息をのむような
• to die for	非常に素晴らしい	• hike up	ハイキングで上る
• by far	間違いなく	• architecture	建築
• pleasantly	愉快地に	• dine on...	晚餐に～を食べる
• go for	売られている	• backpack	バックパックで旅行する
• steer clear of...	～を避ける	• alcohol content	アルコール度
• meditating	めい想している	• a monk	修道士
• the Forbidden City	〔北京の〕紫禁城	• fine cuisine	洗練された料理
• moreover	さらに	• tops	最高の

## 1

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

I love food and I love to travel. I have experienced so many things in the past few years while being overseas that I can't even begin to count them all. Just the sheer variety of food I've had is mind boggling. Where should I start?

I have eaten a ton of different food here in Asia and almost everything has been to die for. By far my favorite is the takoyaki in Osaka. I've even tried raw whale and horse meat which I must say were both pleasantly delicious. However, at the rate they usually go for in restaurants I don't typically order them. They can be quite expensive! Also, I steered clear of the blowfish as I'm not that adventurous.

I've drunk many, many different kinds of beer. I've probably drunk over 100 different types. I've drunk frozen beer in Tokyo, a beer with a 52% alcohol content in Scotland, and I've even drunk a beer I made myself. It wasn't very good through.

I've traveled through China, South Korea, Southeast Asia and Japan. I've ridden an elephant in Thailand, watched meditating monks in South Korea, seen the Forbidden City in Beijing and stayed at a hot springs resort in Fukuoka. Moreover, I've even hiked up Mt. Fuji in the summertime which had some of the most breathtaking views I've ever seen.

I've also spent some time in Australia. I had lots of great experiences there. I've climbed the Sydney Harbor Bridge. I've seen Sydney Tower and the Opera House. I've swum with lots of different fish at the Great Barrier Reef. I've climbed Uluru, also known as Ayer's Rock. I've taken part in some different festivals and parades, and I've even met the prime minister. I can't remember his name, though.

There's still so much that I want to do. I really want to backpack through Europe and experience all there is to see and do there. I've never driven on the Autobahn, but it's tops on my "to do" list. Rome is famous for its architecture and history, but Paris is where I really want to go to dine on all the fine cuisine. There is truly nothing like the bread and cheese in France.

I really should start planning my next big trip soon.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Has he eaten a ton of different food in Asia?
- Has he tried raw whale?
- How many different kinds of beer has he probably drunk?
- What countries has he travelled through?
- What different things has he climbed?
- Has he ever met the prime minister of Australia?
- What's something he has never done, but would like to?
- How many examples of "present perfect" can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 10: Shall I help you with that?  
レッスン 10: それを手伝いましょうか?

Target: Making polite offers using "shall I"

目的: Shall Iを使って、丁寧に提案をしてみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• bring... up	持ち出す
• here we are	ここに 있습니다
• ID	身分証明書
• overlook	見渡す
• You're all set	準備できました
• a bellboy	ベルボーイ
• overall	全般的な
• an amenity	設備
• continental breakfast	コンチネンタル・ブレックファースト

## 1

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

**Staff:** Welcome to the Chilton Hotel. How may I help you?  
**Alice:** Yes, I have a reservation under Henderson.  
**Staff:** Alright then, let me bring that up here. ... Yes here we are. You have a single room booked for three nights. Is that correct?  
**Alice:** Yes.  
**Staff:** Can I have your credit card and ID please?  
**Alice:** Here you are.  
**Staff:** We do have a special right now on our suites overlooking the harbor. The rate would be the same. Shall I upgrade your room to one of these?  
**Alice:** Really? Yeah, that'd be great!  
**Staff:** Certainly ma'am. Give me one moment. ... Okay you're all set. You're in room #1412 on the 14th floor; here's your key.  
**Alice:** Thank you.  
**Staff:** Shall I have the bellboy help you with your bags?  
**Alice:** No thanks, I've got it.  
**Staff:** Certainly. Shall I explain the overall amenities of your upgraded room?  
**Alice:** Yes, please.  
**Staff:** The minibar is complimentary and is refilled every morning by the maid.  
**Alice:** Fantastic!  
**Staff:** Also the pay-per-view videos are included in the room fee so there is no extra charge.  
**Alice:** Great.  
**Staff:** The air-conditioner, lights, and TV are all controlled from the same remote control.  
**Alice:** OK.  
**Staff:** Shall I show you where the indoor pool is located?  
**Alice:** If you don't mind.  
**Staff:** Just go straight and take a left at the elevator. The pool should be right in front of you. We also have a great gym. Shall I show you where it is?  
**Alice:** No, thank you. I'm not here to work out.  
**Staff:** Alright then. Please enjoy your stay with us and don't forget to try our complimentary continental breakfast available every morning from 6am to 9am.  
**Alice:** OK. Thank you.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Are the pay-per-view videos included in the room charge?
- Does Alice have to pay extra if he wants the continental breakfast?
- What does the staff member say to offer to upgrade the room?
- What does the staff member say to offer to help with the bags?
- What does the staff member say to offer to explain amenities?
- What does the staff member say to offer to show where the pool is?
- What does the staff member say to offer to show where the gym is?
- How many examples of "shall I" can you find?

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# Lesson 11: Did you do anything fun?

## レッスン 11: 何か面白いことをしましたか?

**Target: Using indefinite pronouns and adverbs**

目的: 何か・何でも・何もないを使って話しましょう!

### Reading 単語



#### New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• do one's share of...	~の自分の役割を果たす	• as soon as	~するとすぐに
• domestic	国内の	• chase...	~を追う
• Memorial Day	戦没者追悼記念日	• exotic	異国情緒の
• scramble	急いで~する	• equal	遜色がない
• premier	トップの	• speaking of...	~と言えば
• busy + verb + ing	~するのに忙しい	• one	誰か
• spectacular	壮観な	• luxuriously	豪華に
• wildlife	野生生物	• splurge	ぜいたくする
• growl at...	~に向かってうなる	• pass... up	機会を逃す

## 1

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

My family loves going on vacations and everyone especially enjoys traveling abroad. However, we do our share of domestic traveling as well. Just earlier this year, no one had plans for Memorial Day, so somehow we all managed to scramble together last minute and head out to Six Flags Magic Mountain. It's one of Southern California's premiere amusement parks. We went everywhere we possibly could go in the park and rode everything from roller coasters to bumper cars and even a Ferris wheel. We had an incredible time and hope to go back there sometime!

I'll never forget the time everybody surprised me for my birthday by taking me to Yosemite National Park. I hadn't decided what I wanted to do as I was so busy studying for my final exams, but they came up with something that is still a great memory to this day. The views were amazing and the natural beauty of the park is truly spectacular. Everywhere we went we saw amazing wildlife. I even saw a bear, and nothing is scarier than seeing a bear stand up and growl at you. As soon as I saw that bear I ran away. Luckily, the bear didn't chase me. If it had, I would have had to quickly find somewhere to hide. Yosemite National Park is exotic just like a tropical island, but in its own very unique way. There is no place that is its equal in all of California.

Speaking of exotic, we're planning to go to Fiji or Bali this summer. I can't wait! We wanted to vacation somewhere that was relaxing, tropical and not too crowded, but still offered typical amenities one expects when traveling luxuriously. As it's my family's first family vacation in two years where everyone is coming, we can afford to splurge a little bit. Plus, there is no place like the beach! My brother and I both surf so we're really looking forward to it. I hope we can stay somewhere nice, right on the beach.

Last winter I went skiing with some friends and stayed in a youth hostel. There's no denying it saved money and it was fun, but it's just not the same as staying in a nice ski chalet or resort. Youth hostels are really easy to find though, you can find them everywhere in the city, and there are usually some in most touristy areas.

Anyhow, I've been to so many places I can't keep track. I feel really fortunate to be able to travel so much and go nearly anywhere I'd like. Sometime if you get a chance to travel anywhere, I recommend not passing it up.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Who had plans for Memorial Day this year?
- Did they go everywhere they could in Six Flags?
- Do they hope to go back there sometime?
- Who surprised him by taking him to Yosemite National Park?
- Is there anything scarier than a bear standing up and growling at you?
- Where does he hope to stay in Fiji or Bali?
- Where can you find youth hostels?
- How many indefinite pronouns / adverbs did you find?

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## Speaking Lesson

Lesson 12: I'd like to check in  
レッスン 12: チェックインをしたいのですが

**Target: Checking into & out of a hotel**  
 目的: ホテルへのチェックインとチェックアウトについて話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• ah	アッ (驚きなどの短い声)
• a suite	スイート
• require assistance with...	に手伝いが必要だ
• rate...	と評価する
• highly recommend...	強く勧める
• manage	何とかできる
• Consider it done!	喜んでそうします
• a hallway	廊下
• satisfactory	満足な

## 1

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

**Staff:** Welcome to the Carlton Hotel. May I help you?  
**Karen:** Yes, my husband and I would like to check in.  
**Staff:** Certainly. What name is your reservation under?  
**Karen:** It's under Thompson.  
**Staff:** Great, thank you. Ah yes, here it is. You have a double suite booked for five nights with us. Is that correct?  
**Karen:** Yes, that's right.  
**Staff:** Could I see your ID and credit card please?  
**Karen:** Sure, here you are.  
**Staff:** Okay, you're all set! Here is your key; you're in room #547 on the 5th floor. Will you be requiring assistance with your bags?  
**Karen:** No thanks, we can manage.  
**Staff:** Also, do you have any plans to dine with us during your stay here?  
**Karen:** Actually yes. We'd like to try the sushi restaurant. It's on the 2nd floor, right?  
**Staff:** Yes ma'am that's correct. It's rated four stars and I highly recommend it! Shall I make a reservation for you?  
**Karen:** That'd be great, thank you. Can you make them for tomorrow night at 7pm?  
**Staff:** Absolutely, consider it done!  
**Karen:** I have a few questions... do you know what time the continental breakfast is served?  
**Staff:** It's served from 7am to 10am every morning.  
**Karen:** Okay. Also, could you tell me where the pool is located?  
**Staff:** The pool is just down the hallway and around the corner; just follow the signs.  
**Karen:** Excellent, thank you.  
**Staff:** You're very welcome ma'am. Please enjoy your stay with us!  
 .....  
**Karen:** I'd like to check out please.  
**Staff:** Certainly. Can I have your room key please?  
**Karen:** Here you are.  
**Staff:** Did you enjoy your stay? Was everything satisfactory?  
**Karen:** Yeah, everything was great. Thank you.  
**Staff:** Thanks for choosing to stay with the Carlton. We hope to see you again soon!

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Karen say when she wants to check in?
2. What does Karen say to explain what name his reservation is under?
3. What does the staff member say when he finds Karen's reservation?
4. What does the staff member say to state that the check in is complete?
5. What does Karen say to decline the staff member's offer?
6. What does Karen say to ask about the breakfast time?
7. What does Karen say to ask about the pool's location?
8. What does Karen say when she wants to check out?

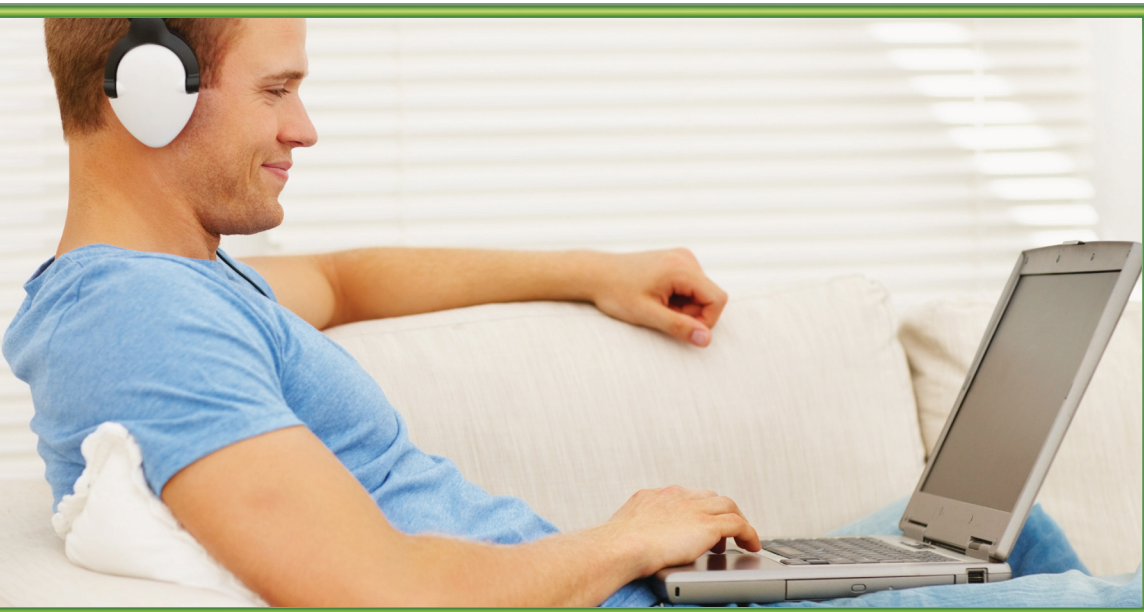
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## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 13: It's a device that's small  
レッスン 13: これは装置で小さいのです

**Target: Describing items and people using relative clauses**  
 目的: 関係詞節を使って、物や人々について説明しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• self-professed	自ら認める	• a disaster	惨事
• a freak	熱狂的愛好家	• a household	家庭
• can't get enough of...	十分に得ることができない	• project...	映す
• tinker with...	いじくり回す	• a humidifier	加湿器
• mechanical	機械の	• constantly	いつも
• tune...	調整する	• in the space of...	の間に
• ECM	エンジン制御モジュール	• bear	～を辛抱する
• imagine...	想像する	• financially	金融的に
• trigger...	動作（始動）させる	• last the test of time	時の試練が続く

## 1

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

I'm a self-professed technology and gadget freak. I just can't get enough of them; they're like toys to me. Of course, I have my fair share of tools as well since I enjoy tinkering in the garage in my free time with just about anything mechanical. I got the coolest tool the other day. It's a tool that allows me to directly tune my motorcycle's ECM. ECM stands for Engine Control Module.

My garage is full of everything you could imagine. The washer that handles all our laundry just died the other day so it's time for a new one. I'll never forget last month when the dishwasher started smoking and it triggered the smoke alarm. That was a disaster as there was water all over the kitchen floor. The man who normally repairs our appliances was out of town so I had to call another company that charged us nearly double. In the end we bought a new one. The reason why I bought a new one was the age of the machine. We were better off just completely replacing it than continually repairing it.

Therefore, I had to make a trip to one of my favorite stores. You guessed it, they sell every gadget, device, tool and instrument that you'll ever need for your household. I found so many cool things. I found a TV that you can use in the bathroom. I found a refrigerator that goes in your car. I found a knife that will cut through almost anything. I found a phone that will work anywhere in the world. The most interesting thing that I found though was a small portable projector that connects to your phone and lets you project the movies on your phone as big as 100 inches. Unfortunately, my wife didn't let me buy any of these items.

My wife and I ended up buying a dishwasher and a new humidifier. We got a humidifier because we wanted something which will help with the dry air during summertime. My wife was the one who suggested we get it as I was constantly complaining about the dry air; however, the family room is where she wants to put it rather than in my study.

What my wife said was so true though; that I really need to take good care of our appliances so they'll last a long time. Having to replace two major appliances in the space of a month was a lot to bear financially as they were both quite expensive. I made sure to get top trusted brands that have good track records and will last the test of time.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What happened to the washer that handles all their laundry?
2. What won't he ever forget?
3. Where was the man who normally repairs their appliances?
4. Did he find a knife that could cut through almost anything?
5. Did they want something that would help with the dry air during summer?
6. Is the study where his wife put the humidifier?
7. Did he buy trusted brands that have a good track record?
8. How many relative clauses can you find?

## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 14: If you buy this laptop...

## レッスン 14: もしこのノートパソコンを買うなら...

**Target: Talking about technology using the 1st conditional**  
 目的: 「もしも～なら」を使ってテクノロジーについて話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• perfectly fine	何の問題もなく	• opt for...	～を選ぶ
• silly	ばかばかしい	• neatly	こぎれいに
• persist	続く	• an aspect	側面
• cutting edge	最先端技術の(機器)	• energy efficient	エネルギー効率の良い
• a paperweight	文鎮	• drain...	消耗する
• revert to...	立ち戻る	• astonishing	驚くべき
• dated	古い	• flat	ちょうど
• susceptible to...	～の影響を受けやすい	• at once	すぐに
• among other things	何よりも	• then again	だって

## 1

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

I wonder, if I view this file in Acrobat Reader, will I be able to see it? I've recently had some trouble with my computer and it may be time to buy a new one. Every time I send an email it gives me an error message. However, the email sends perfectly fine with no problem, but the silly error message persists. This laptop was cutting edge just a few years ago. Now, it's just an expensive paperweight.

The problems started a few months ago when I upgraded my operating system. The trouble is that I can't revert to the old O/S as it's too dated. Plus, it was really susceptible to viruses and spyware. One day I was completely unable to access any of my data even though the computer turned on as normal. If I get a new laptop, I'll be able to send and receive emails normally among many other things. As well, if I opt for the additional external HDD, I can store all my data neatly in one location that can act as my virtual backup.

I wonder if I have to worry about the region free aspect with laptops now that I'm abroad. When I bought my DVD player I made sure to buy one with that feature. Though I realize if I get a powerful laptop model, I may have limited battery life as most are not so energy efficient. My brother bought a gaming laptop which is incredible, but drains the battery in an astonishing 60 minutes flat. Of course, it's rechargeable, but when you have no place to plug in the battery you're stuck.

So I have to consider what I need to get from my new computer. If I opt for high memory, I won't have any trouble with running multiple programs at once. Plus, if I choose the faster chip, I can easily run video editing software without any trouble. I think the last thing I need to consider is how much I want to spend. If I have a budget of \$2,000, I'll certainly be able to get the best possible laptop that suits my needs with money left over for any necessary accessories. Then again you never know, I may be able to get the salesman to knock down the price a bit too!

I'm quite busy today and tomorrow because I have a ton of work to do, but I'm not so busy on Friday. So if I can finish work early on Friday I should have enough time to go to the local PC store and check out some new laptops.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. If he gets a new laptop, will he be able to send & receive emails?
2. If he gets an external HDD, can he store his data in one location?
3. Will the battery last a long time if he buys a powerful laptop?
4. If he opts for high memory will he be able to run multiple programs at once?
5. If he gets a faster chip, will he be able to run video editing software?
6. If he has a budget of \$2,000, will he be able to get a laptop that suits his needs?
7. If he can finish work early on Friday, will he be able to check out some laptops?
8. How many examples of the 1st conditional can you find?



## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 15: If I won \$1,000,000...  
レッスン 15: もし私が100万ドル勝ったなら...

**Target: Talking hypothetically using the 2nd conditional**  
 目的: もし～なら～なのに、を使って仮定的状況を話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• hypothetically speaking	仮定の話だが	• handicapped	身体障害のある
• reality	現実性	• clarity	鮮明さ
• tech	科学技術	• mount...	～を取り付ける
• advance	前へ進む	• built in	組み込みの
• a bevy of...	～の群れ	• stylish	洗練された
• centrally	中心的に	• tremendous	ものすごい
• a medium	媒体	• next to nothing	ほとんどなにに等しい
• a limitation	制限	• burn through...	消耗する
• oversized	特大の	• beef	不満

## 1

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

So hypothetically speaking, if I won the lottery, I'd travel all over the world for an entire year. That would be fantastic fun! Well it's not reality, but there's nothing wrong with dreaming a little now and then. Coming back to reality, I've got to upgrade some of the tech in my office and at home. Technology and computerized gadgets advance so quickly nowadays, I can hardly keep up.

For starters, I'm tired of carrying a bevy of thumb drives around with data on them. I believe it'd be best to centrally store all my data on one medium rather than a mix of drives and media. If I bought a wireless router, I could easily connect my laptop, desktop, smartphone and tablet PC all to the network. My new tablet is great, but it's certainly got some limitations as to what it can do. I tend to think of it as an oversized smartphone, or a handicapped laptop. However the clarity of the 1080p screen, overall convenience and compact size made it a must have for me.

I really want to buy a new TV. My current one is getting a little old, and I think it's time for an upgrade. I bought it about 10 years ago. It was great at the time, but it's really difficult to connect devices to it as it only has 1 HDMI port. If it had more HDMI ports it would be easier to attach more devices. I also really like the new super thin TVs. If I bought one of them, I'd be able to mount it on the wall and that would look really cool. Also, some of the new TVs have Skype and a webcam built in. If I got one of those, I wouldn't have to use my laptop for Skype, and I could just Skype with people from my couch. That would be nice.

I picked up a new phone at the same time I got my tablet, and I must say I'm very pleased. It's ultra-slim, stylish and has tremendous performance for such a small handheld device. Although, my one complaint is that the battery life is next to nothing. It burns through the battery like it's nothing. That is the one beef I have with it; otherwise, I'm satisfied. If I got an additional battery, I wouldn't need to be too concerned as I'd always have a backup.

The big decision I have to consider now is whether to upgrade my office computer. If I bought a new laptop, I'd solve a number of performance issues I have now. If I opted for additional memory, I could run many programs simultaneously with no issues whatsoever. I need to be sure to consider quality, as the last model I got was not all it was cracked up to be. If I factored in all my needs and requirements, I'm sure I'd find something to fit my budget and meet my needs.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What would he do if he won the lottery?
2. What could he connect if he bought a wireless router?
3. What could he do if his TV had more HDMI ports?
4. What would he do if his TV had Skype built in?
5. What wouldn't he need to do if he got an additional phone battery?
6. If he bought a new laptop, what issues would it solve?
7. What could he do if he opted for a PC with additional memory?
8. How many examples of the 2nd conditional can you find?

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Speaking Lesson

# Lesson 16: It's made in China

## レッスン 16: 中国製です

**Target: Describing a product in detail**  
目的: 商品について詳しく説明しましょう!

Reading  
単語



New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• an emporium	大規模小売店
• in the market for...	～を買いだいたいと思って
• purely	完全に
• premium	高級な
• a top seller	ベストセラー
• comprehensive	包括的な
• protective	保護の
• construction	構造
• durable	長持ちする

1

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

**Staff:** Welcome to Electronics Emporium. How can I be of service?  
**Tetsuo:** Yes, actually I'm looking for a few things today.  
**Staff:** What are you in the market for today?  
**Tetsuo:** I'm interested in a music player.  
**Staff:** Okay, let's take a look at these over here.  
**Tetsuo:** What can you tell me about them?  
**Staff:** This model is made in China and this one is assembled in Taiwan.  
**Tetsuo:** And their main functions are just playing music?  
**Staff:** Yes, this one is purely a music player. However, you can use this one to access the Internet through Wi-Fi networks. It lets you surf the web, send and receive emails and more.  
**Tetsuo:** I see. Does it come with anything included?  
**Staff:** Yes. This model comes bundled with a premium stereo headset.  
**Tetsuo:** That sounds good. Is there any warranty?  
**Staff:** Unfortunately no, it doesn't include a warranty.  
**Tetsuo:** Really, that's too bad. How about this model over here?  
**Staff:** Ah yes. This is our most popular model. It's a top seller and highly rated by users.  
**Tetsuo:** Any warranty, extras, etc...?  
**Staff:** Yes, all of the above!  
**Tetsuo:** Excellent, but I don't know this brand. Do you recommend it?  
**Staff:** Yes sir, absolutely. We have never received any complaints regarding this music player.  
**Tetsuo:** Okay. So what's the warranty again?  
**Staff:** Right sorry, it includes a three year fully comprehensive warranty. As well, it comes with a premium stereo headset, leather case, a/c charger and protective film for the touch screen.  
**Tetsuo:** Great. It's got a pretty interesting construction. What's it made out of?  
**Staff:** Its material is quite varied, but mainly it's made from plastic. The headset earbuds are a silicone rubber among other random materials.  
**Tetsuo:** Sounds good. It looks really well made and durable, and its quality is certainly on par with the price. I'll take it!  
**Staff:** Very good sir. Let me get that for you, one moment please.

2

Answer the questions below

1. What does the staff member say to ask what Tetsuo wants to buy?
2. What does Tetsuo say to ask about the products information?
3. What does the staff member say to explain where the item is made?
4. What does Tetsuo say to ask about the item's functions?
5. What does the staff member say to explain the products functions?
6. What does the staff member say to explain about included items?
7. What does Tetsuo say to ask about the materials used to make the item?
8. What does the staff member say to explain about the construction materials?

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Grammar Lesson

# Lesson 17: The plane leaves in 5 minutes

## レッスン 17: 飛行機があと5分で発車します

**Target: Understanding travel announcements**

目的: 駅や空港の構内アナウンスについて聞きましょう!

Reading  
単語



New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• make one's way to...	～に進んでいく	• little did I know	～とは知る由もなかった
• dazed	放心状態の	• turn into...	～になる
• a blur	不鮮明な状態	• thankful	ありがたく思う
• piece together...	全貌を知る	• appropriately	適切に
• a PA system	拡声装置	• delayed	遅延の
• respond	返事をする	• throw... off	(計画を) 狂わせる
• continually	絶えず	• a timeline	スケジュール
• a multitude of...	数多くの	• needless to say	言うまでもなく
• a consultation	相談	• get things underway	始まる

1

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

"Your attention please. Will all passengers for flight 996 please make their way to gate number 72. Boarding begins in ten minutes. Thank you."

I heard the announcement as I sat dazed in the terminal, far from my gate. The last few days were a complete blur. I was trying to piece together the past days' events as the voice boomed over the PA system. I needed to make my way to my gate to board my plane, but my body simply wouldn't respond. This is what I get for working long hours and staying out all night continually.

Three days earlier, in the Osaka bus terminal in Umeda, I was waiting for my bus to Tokyo as I heard the boarding announcement. "Now boarding for the 11pm night bus to Tokyo with service to Nagoya. The bus leaves in two minutes... All aboard."

I was going to Tokyo for a three day business trip which included a multitude of meetings, presentations and client consultations. Little did I know that my client consultations would turn into more me simply entertaining my clients with dinner and drinks.

When the bus arrived in Nagoya we were asked to switch to another bus as there was a mechanical problem with ours. I was thankful it was nothing serious and that they handled the situation very appropriately. I finally got in to Tokyo at 6am the following day. I went to my hotel immediately to check in and clean myself up. When I got to the office I discovered my first meeting had been canceled and my following training session was delayed by an hour due to rescheduling needs. This threw my whole timeline off.

Needless to say things got underway and once they did it was a whirlwind of activity for the remainder of my trip. When I finally found myself sitting in the airport terminal waiting for my flight back since I missed my bus, I had been up for nearly 36 hours straight. I decided to take a flight as I wanted to get home as quickly as possible with no stops on the way.

"Final boarding call for flight 996. The boarding cutoff is in 5 minutes. All passengers please board now for flight 996." Yikes, that's my flight... got to hurry!

2

Answer the questions below

1. What is his flight number?
2. Does he have a good memory of the last few days?
3. What did his client consultations turn into?
4. Why did he have to switch to another bus in Nagoya?
5. What time did he get to Tokyo?
6. How long was his training session delayed?
7. Why is he taking a flight home?
8. How many examples of present simple (future events) can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 18: I was just about to leave  
レッスン 18: 今ちょうど出ようとしたところです

**Target: Talking about the immediate future using "about to"**  
 目的: about toを使って、近い将来について話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a guardrail	ガードレール	• a derby	ダービー
• a luxury	ぜいたく	• broadside...	～の側面にぶつかる
• maintain...	メンテナンスする	• skyrocket	急増する
• rise	値上がり	• oncoming	接近する
• dramatically	劇的に	• nowadays	最近
• the state government	州政府	• a blinker	ウィンカー
• a registration fee	登記料	• aggravating	一層悪化させる
• incessant	絶え間のない	• call... in	～に電話する
• petition	請願する	• swoop in	急に現れる

## 1

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

The other day just as I was about to pass someone on the freeway, this crazy driver cut me off and I almost lost control and hit the guardrail. I swear, sometimes I feel like driving is more trouble than it's worth. Not having to use public transport is certainly a luxury, but the cost of owning and maintaining a car is about to rise dramatically. The state government plans to increase registration fees by 15% over the next three years. This in addition to the incessant rise in gas prices has me petitioning for more and better public transportation methods and options.

The 405 freeway is starting to feel more and more like a derby. The other day as a driver was exiting the freeway, another car suddenly changed lanes and without looking, broadsided him. Driving in Southern California is no picnic. It has its moments for sure, but as the population increases and the number of drivers on the road skyrockets there is less and less to enjoy about driving on the open road.

A few days ago, just as I was about to make a left turn, I had to slam on my brakes due to an oncoming car driving through a red light. And just yesterday, just as I was about to pull in to my driveway, this young kid on a bike crashed into the back of my car. Luckily he wasn't hurt, and he didn't really damage the car. He just hit the tire.

Whatever happened to driver safety? Young drivers nowadays seem to never use their blinkers and when they do turn on the blinker, they don't always make the turn. It's quite aggravating, but such is life on the road I guess.

This morning just as I was about to pull up at the curb to drop my son off for school, a policeman swooped in behind me and pulled me over. I of course, was shocked and startled as I hadn't done anything wrong. But I quickly found out that my registration was expired. I had completely forgotten to put my new sticker on... oops.

You'd never guess what the cop did. He actually let me go, which is rare, but I was thrilled. He was really nice and understanding. Plus, he was able to call it in and check that my registration was current. I'd better put my new sticker on tonight as soon as I get home from work!

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What happened just as he was about to pass someone?
2. What happened just as he was about to make a left turn?
3. What happened just as he was about to pull in to his driveway?
4. Who swooped in just as he was about to pull up to the curb?
5. What is he petitioning for?
6. What has skyrocketed?
7. Why did the policeman pull him over?
8. How many examples of "about to" can you find?

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Lesson 19: I was washing my car  
レッスン 19: 車を洗っていました

**Target: Talking about actions in the past using past progressive**  
 目的: 過去進行形を使って、過去に起こった事について話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• insure...	～に保険をかける	• put... to the test	～を試す
• (one's back) give out	疲れ果てる	• magnificent	優秀な
• physically	肉体的に	• glue	接着する
• cramp up	引きつる	• pavement	舗装道路
• a dealership	販売特約店	• aftermarket	アフターマーケット
• impressed	感動して	• a rim	(車輪のタイヤを取り付ける) 枠
• based on...	～に基づいている	• a key fob	キーホブ
• desire for...	望み	• tamper with...	～に手を加える
• up in the foothills	山麓	• spend a bundle	～にお金をたくさん使う

## 1

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

Last month I was driving a rent-a-car every day because my car had been stolen, and I didn't have it insured so I need to buy a new one. I really love cars. I was working as an auto mechanic for years before my back gave out and I couldn't physically do it anymore. I still have some pain from time to time, but it's nothing like it was. Last week, my back was constantly cramping up. But this week, it's OK.

When I was car shopping, I visited a number of dealerships for various brands. First, I went to the local dealership just down the road from my house. I wasn't really impressed through, because while I was talking to the salesman, he stopped to answer his phone. I didn't think that was very professional. Also, while I was taking the car for a test drive I'm pretty sure he was playing a game on his phone instead of listening to me.

In the end, I made my decision based on what suited my needs best, as well as my desire for raw performance. I truly love driving. I was driving up in the foothills just last week and I got to put the all-wheel drive to the test. Its handling performance is magnificent; it feels like it's on rails like a train, glued to the pavement! I changed both the hood and trunk lid to the carbon fiber aftermarket version as they save some weight, but mainly because they give the car a nice custom look.

Last weekend I decided to give my car a much needed wash and wax. So Saturday, I was washing and waxing my car all afternoon long. I just recently got it and I want to be sure that it stays in showroom condition. I paid extra for the premium rims, chrome exhaust, race pedals, sunroof and spoiler.

I was considering having an alarm installed as there is a fair amount of vandalism in my city, but I'm still not sure if it's really that necessary. The car's factory security system is really good, and it has a push button start which requires a unique key fob. Any tampering with the system or attempt to jump start the car results in the ECM completely shutting down the engine making it impossible to start. Thought I realize this doesn't protect me against individuals who might key my car. Well, for now I'll just stick with the factory system and decide what to do later. I've spent a bundle right away on extras for the car so I'll hold off for now.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What was he driving every day last month?
2. Was he working as a mechanic for a long time?
3. What was constantly cramping up last week?
4. When he was car shopping, did he visit a number of dealerships?
5. What did the salesman do while he was talking to him?
6. Where was he driving the car last week?
7. What was he considering having installed?
8. How many examples of past progressive can you find?

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Vocabulary Lesson

# Lesson 20: I'd like a convertible

## レッスン 20: オープンカーをお願いします

**Target: Renting a car in a foreign country**  
目的: 海外でレンタカーを借りてみましょう!

### Reading 単語



#### New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• Can I be of assistance?	何かお役に立てることはありますか?
• run you (price)	かかる
• a rental agreement	賃貸契約
• get... sorted	片付ける
• to be on the safe side	念(用心)のために
• type up...	タイプする
• a contract	契約
• an attendant	係員
• initial...	〜に頭文字を記す

### 1

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

**Agent:** Thank you for choosing Avis. Can I be of assistance?  
**Sarah:** Yes. I have a rental reservation.  
**Agent:** Certainly. Can I have your name please?  
**Sarah:** Yes, it's Okamura.  
**Agent:** Perfect, thanks. Now what size car did you want?  
**Sarah:** What's the price difference between a convertible and full size sedan?  
**Agent:** The daily rate for the convertible is \$39.99 and the sedan is \$24.99.  
**Sarah:** How much more is a minivan?  
**Agent:** A minivan will run you \$28.99 per day.  
**Sarah:** Okay, I'll go with the sedan. Does that include unlimited mileage?  
**Agent:** Yes ma'am it does. I'll need you to sign the damage waiver and rental agreement.  
**Sarah:** I understand. May I do an inspection of the car first?  
**Agent:** Absolutely. Let's get the paperwork sorted first!  
**Sarah:** Okay. How about insurance?  
**Agent:** Well, full coverage will cost \$8.99 per day, but if you choose only liability then the cost is just \$4.99.  
**Sarah:** I see. I'll go with full coverage just to be on the safe side.  
**Agent:** Alright then. May I see your driver's license and passport?  
**Sarah:** Here you are.  
**Agent:** While I type up the contracts, an attendant will take you to inspect the car.  
**Sarah:** Great, thanks.  
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**Agent:** Everything check out okay?  
**Sarah:** Yes, everything is just fine. There are no scratches, cracks or dents.  
**Agent:** Wonderful. I've got the paperwork all prepared. Please read this here and here, initial here and here, and finally sign here and here.  
**Sarah:** Okay.  
**Agent:** Here are the keys, and here are your copies of the paperwork and receipt. Drive safe and enjoy your stay here in Sydney.  
**Sarah:** Thank you very much!

### 2

Answer the questions below

1. What's the price difference between a convertible & a full size sedan?
2. How much more is a minivan?
3. What type of car does she decide to go with?
4. What two documents does Sarah need to sign?
5. Does Sarah want to do an inspection?
6. What insurance option does Sarah choose?
7. What documents does the agent ask Sarah for?
8. Are there any scratches, crack or dents on the car?

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