

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

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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!

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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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