

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

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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.

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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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