

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

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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!

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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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