

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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