

Lesson 29: Even though I studied hard...

レッスン 29: すごく勉強したのに...

Target: Expressing opposition
目的: ~したのに、を使って話しましょう!Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• ahead of schedule	予定より早く	• a branch office	支店
• embarrassed	恥ずかしい	• an anniversary	記念日
• yearly	年1回の	• turn out	~の結果になる
• a performance review	業績考査	• should have	~すべきだった
• get a raise	給料が上がる	• beforehand	事前に
• deserve...	~を受けるに値する	• pretend to (verb)	~するふりをする
• a section	部分	• fake	見せ掛ける
• repeated	たびたびの	• (alarm) go off	突然鳴りだす
• transfer... to...	に転勤する	• as a result	結果として

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

I've had such a bad week. So many things have gone wrong.

On Monday, I had an early morning meeting at 7 and even though I woke up early and left the house ahead of schedule I still arrived late to the meeting. My boss was a little angry and I felt really embarrassed. It was not a nice feeling.

On Tuesday, I had my yearly performance review at work and in spite of all my hard work, I didn't get the raise that I was hoping for. I was pretty disappointed. I've been working so hard and I really felt like I deserved that raise.

On Wednesday, I went to Tokyo to take a TOEIC test, and although I had spent 30 minutes every day studying, I still didn't understand 30-40% of the test. My boss is going to be angry at me for sure. The listening sections were just so hard. I really need to improve my listening skills.

On Thursday, despite my repeated requests, my boss transferred me to our branch office in Hachioji. I don't want to be in Hachioji. Nobody wants to be in Hachioji. It's so far away from Tokyo. It may be in Tokyo, but I'd rather live in Omiya than in Hachioji.

On Friday, I tried to cook dinner for my wife because it was our anniversary. It didn't turn out very good, though. I really should have read the recipe beforehand. My wife pretended to enjoy it, but I could tell she was faking it. I guess I'll have to try harder next year.

On Saturday night, my friend and I decided to go to a nightclub. However, we were unable to get in because the club was full.

This morning, I set my alarm for 7:00, but it didn't go off. As a result, I missed my favorite Saturday morning TV show: "The Adventures of Noel and Moku." This afternoon, I wanted to buy my wife a new handbag because it is her birthday. So, I went to the Louis Vuitton store in Ginza, because I know how much she loves brand name bags. However, I wasn't able to buy her one, because they were all much more expensive than I'd previously thought.

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Answer the questions below

1. What happened on Monday?
2. What happened on Tuesday?
3. What happened on Wednesday?
4. What happened on Thursday?
5. What happened on Friday?
6. What happened on Saturday?
7. What happened today?
8. How many examples of opposition can you find?

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