

Speaking Lesson

Lesson 31: Do you have any advice?

レッスン 31: 何かアドバイスはありますか?

Target: Asking for someone's opinion & giving advice
目的: 誰かに意見を聞いたりアドバイスをしましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• have a hard time	困難な状況である	• against...	〜に反対して
• sick of...	〜にうんざりしている	• legally	法的に
• I swear	誓ってもいい	• regret...	後悔する
• at one's wit's end	困り果てて	• a decision	決断
• take the cake	あきれる	• removal	取り除くこと
• a client	取引先	• pick...	選ぶ
• Damn	くそっ!	• later	後で
• have a sit-down with...	(人)と話し合う	• not fly with...	受け入れられる
• face a dilemma	ジレンマに直面する	• straight out	率直な

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

- Gwen:** Hi Simon. What's up.
Simon: Well... I'm having a hard time at work at the moment? I'm so sick of Clive. I swear, I'm at my wits' end with that guy.
Gwen: What did he do this time?
Simon: This time really took the cake. He was 2 hours late to an important meeting with a new client and as a result the client left and we lost 20 grand.
Gwen: Damn.
Simon: Yeah. I just don't know what to do with him. What would you do if you were in my position?
Gwen: Well... have you considered having a sit-down with Clive?
Simon: Already done that.
Gwen: In that case, perhaps you could try transferring him somewhere?
Simon: You might have something there. Yeah. That just might work.
Gwen: Cool. Glad I could be of help. Is there anything else you'd like to talk about?
Simon: Well.. It's not really work related but I'm facing quite the dilemma at home. My eldest son, Malcom wants to get a tattoo, but his mother and I are really against it. The problem is, he is 18, so legally he can get one and it seems there is nothing we can do about it. I just really don't want him to grow up regretting his decision. Do you have any advice?
Gwen: Why don't you just tell him that he can get one, when he moves out?
Simon: I don't really want him to move out though.
Gwen: Then, I think you should probably show him how much tattoo removal costs.
Simon: Nah, I doubt that would really work.
Gwen: Ok then, how's this, why don't you just tell him that if really wants a tattoo he has to pick the design and then if he still wants the same design 3 months later, then you'll pay for the tattoo?
Simon: I doubt that would fly with my wife. How's this? I'm just going to straight out, tell him no.
Gwen: Whatever you do, don't tell him he can't get one. Otherwise he will get one just to spite you. You remember what you were like as a kid right?
Simon: Good point.

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Answer the questions below

1. What does Simon say to ask for advice? (1st time)
2. What does Gwen say to give advice? (1st time)
3. What does Gwen say to give advice? (2nd time)
4. What does Simon say to ask for advice? (2nd time)
5. What does Gwen say to give advice? (3rd time)
6. What does Gwen say to give advice? (4th time)
7. What does Gwen say to give advice? (5th time)
8. What does Gwen say to give advice? (6th time)

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