

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 33: He should be here by now

レッスン 33: そろそろ彼はここに来るはずです

Target: Expressing expectations

目的: ~のはず、を使って予想されることを表現してみましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• on time	定刻に	• never hear the end of...	~について何度も聞かされる
• a funeral	葬儀	• honestly	正直に
• pick up	電話に出る	• go for	続く
• voicemail	留守番電話	• make it	時間に間に合う
• must	~のはずだ	• to get a good write up	好意的な記事が載った
• or something	~か何か	• ever since	その後ずっと
• confused	困惑した	• based on	~に基づく
• exactly	正確に	• know... off by heart	そらで覚えている
• (time) on the dot	時間通りに	• unreliable	信頼できない

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

OK, so I'm waiting for my friend James. I seem to be always waiting for James. I can't even remember the last time he was on time. He's the type of guy that would be late to his own funeral.

I just tried to call him on the phone, but he didn't pick up and the call just went straight to his voicemail. He must be on the train or something. James is supposed to meet me at "the Hub" at 6:00 today, because we are going to have a few drinks then go to the movies together.

I'm a little confused though, I'm standing in front of "the Hub" now and it's closed. It's exactly 6:20 on the dot now. "The Hub" usually opens around 5pm, so it should be open. I wonder why it's closed. I guess I'll wait a little longer for James.

OK, it's 6:30 now, and James said he left the house at 6:00 and it takes about 30 minutes from his place, so I think he should arrive soon. If he doesn't get here by 7:00, I'm just going to start watching the movie without him, but if I do that, I'll probably never hear the end of it. James is always late, but he gets really angry when you start without him. Honestly, the trailers only go for like 20 minutes though, so he should definitely make it before the actual movie starts.

I'm really looking forward to seeing this movie. It got a really good write up. Rotten Tomatoes, IMDB and Metacritic all gave it a high score. I've been waiting for this movie to come out for 6 months, ever since I saw the trailer online. So based on the review, I think it should be pretty good. I really hope it's worth the wait, though.

I was going to invite my brother as well, but he is supposed to spend today studying so I decided to go without him. He has been studying every day for the past month, and he knows pretty much all of the material off by heart so I really think he ought to pass the test.

After the movie we are supposed to meet up with Kim. Jane was supposed to come too, but since she has to work late today, it looks like she won't be able to come. My friends are so unreliable. I think it's time I start looking for some new friends.

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Answer the questions below

- Where is James supposed to meet her?
- What should be open, but isn't?
- Why does she think James should arrive soon?
- Does she think he should definitely arrive before the trailers?
- What is her brother supposed to be doing today?
- Why does she think her brother ought to pass the test?
- Who is she supposed to meet up with after the movie?
- How many examples of expectations can you find?

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