

Lesson 42: I went there by myself

レッスン 42: 一人であそこに行きました

Target: Using reflexive, emphatic and reciprocal pronouns
目的: 自分で、一人で、お互いに、を使って話しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

cancel on (person)	～をキャンセルする	plead for...	弁護する
at the last minute	直前に	a warm-up	準備運動
ticked off	怒って	a mat	マット
get a parking spot	駐車場所を見つける	drop one's guard	気を緩める
find it hard to (verb)	～が難しいと思う	detailed	詳細にわたる
huge	巨大な	kick oneself	自分を責める
pay attention	注意する	realize...	～に気が付く
hapkido	韓国の武道	tease...	からかう
take it like a man	動じることなく対応する	I myself	私自身も

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

On Saturday, because it was raining I was planning on seeing a movie with my friend Akiko, but she cancelled on me at the last minute and I ended up having to go to the movies all by myself. I was a little ticked off, actually. I then drove to the theater, and eventually got a parking spot. I find it quite hard to park my huge car by myself. I usually tell someone to get out and help me park it. I felt pretty stupid when I got out of the car though, because I hurt myself a little bit. I wasn't paying attention and I hit my head. It really hurt. Then I had to walk about 300m in the rain to the theater. Luckily, I had my big blue umbrella in the car.

On Sunday, James and I went to hapkido practice. On the way there, James was telling me about some interesting things that had happened at work recently. The other day, the HR manager had fired Jame's boss. Instead of taking it like a man his boss threw himself at the HR managers feet and pleaded for another chance. It didn't work though. James thought it was pretty funny.

We arrived at the dojo at 11:00. Some people were practicing, but most people were just talking to each other and relaxing before practice. The warm-up was fun, we had to practice throwing each other, but we were using the big mats so that no-one got injured.

When we did sparring, we had to change opponents many times because the instructor wanted everyone to fight one another at least once. When me and James fought each other we were very tired because we had both fought 5 people before the match. I accidentally kicked James right in the head, but he wasn't angry because he blamed himself for dropping his guard.

On the way home, we saw this weird old guy talking to himself on the train. It was pretty funny. He seemed to be having a very detailed conversation with himself.

When we got home James started looking for his bag. He couldn't find it though, so I helped him look for it. James kicked himself when he realized he had left his bag on the train. But I didn't tease him because I myself had made exactly the same mistake a few weeks ago.

Now we need to go back to the station to pick up his bag.

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Answer the questions below

- Did she go to the movies with her friend?
- What does she find hard to do by herself?
- What happened when she was getting out of the car?
- Who threw themselves at the HR manager's feet?
- What was the warm-up at hapkido practice?
- Who was the weird old guy talking to?
- Why did James kick himself?
- How many reflective, empathetic & reciprocal pronouns can you find?

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