

Lesson 44: I arrived at about 8ish

レッスン 44: 八時ごろ着きました

Target: Speaking vaguely about numbers & quantities
目的: 曖昧な数や量の表現を話してみましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• get to know (person)	〜と知り合いになる
• over the course of (time)	〜の間に
• impressive	素晴らしい
• simply horrible	最悪な
• massive	巨大な
• a pot luck party	持ち寄りパーティー
• suck	最悪である
• BFF	永遠の大親友
• afford to (verb)	〜する金銭的な余裕がある

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

Last night, James invited me to a party at his place. I arrived at his place at about 8ish. When I walked around there were about 30 odd people there, but I only knew a handful of them. The majority of the people there were his friends from work.

I got to know most of the people over the course of the night and I made quite a few new friends. A good number of the guys there were quite into movies, and I love movies too, so we had lots to talk about. Also, something that really surprised me was that around half of the people there were able to speak Japanese fluently. It was really quite impressive. My Japanese is simply horrible.

James's place is really nice. It's pretty much as big as my place, but he has a really nice dining set and his TV is approximately twice as big as mine. I was shocked when I saw how big his TV was. It was massive.

The food at the party was really interesting. Because it was a pot luck party, there was lots of different kinds of food. There was piroshki, which is kind of like a Russian meat pie, and there were some Turkish kebabs which are sort of like burritos.

I also met, ah, you know, whatshisface. Tom, that's right, Tom. We talked about video games. Which one is the best, which ones suck, upcoming games and stuff like that. It was cool to talk to someone who was also interested in video games.

Also, the other day, my BFF and I went to this really nice restaurant in Tokyo. Because the restaurant is really popular, we had to arrive a good hour early. When we arrived, I was really surprised because there were only 10 or so people in the whole restaurant. Much less than I had expected.

When we finally got to look at the menu, I was shocked again. I was only able to afford like two or three things on the menu because they were just so expensive. There were several dishes that were over \$200. The large majority of dishes were between the \$100 and \$150 mark. In the end, we ended up going somewhere else because we just couldn't afford to eat there.

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Answer the questions below

1. What time did he arrive at the party?
2. How many people were there?
3. How many of them did he know?
4. How big is James's TV?
5. What stuff did he and Tom talk about?
6. How early did they arrive at the restaurant?
7. How much were the large majority of the dishes?
8. How many vague expressions can you find?

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