

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 03: I hope you feel better soon

レッスン 03: 早く良くなるといいですね

Target: Using "hope" correctly
目的: hopeを正しく使いましょう!Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a bucket list	棺おけリスト	• a handful of...	一握りの
• (to) get one thinking	考えさせる	• the advent of...	出現
• (to) kick the bucket	死ぬ	• (be) private	個人用の
• (to) cross... off...	消す	• in one's lifetime	生存中に
• (to) travel down...	～を下る	• as opposed to...	～とは対照的に
• (to) turn (age)	～歳になる	• (to) have a one on one	1対1で～する
• (to) mean to + verb	～するつもりである	• the almighty	全能の神
• (to) tag along with...	(人)の後を付いてまわる	• a transplant	移植
• (to) get around to...	～する時間的余裕ができる	• a donor	提供者

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

Last year, I watched the movie "The Bucket List" starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman. It was pretty good and it really got me thinking about what I want to do before I "kick the bucket" so I decided to start making my own bucket list.

So far, I've already crossed quite a lot of items of my list. I've climbed Mt. Fuji, been to Venice, ridden an elephant, seen the pyramids and traveled down the Amazon.

I turned 60 this year and I still haven't been to China yet. I've been meaning to go there for ages, but I just haven't had time. I had hoped to go there before my 40th birthday. Anyway, I hope that I'll be able to go there soon, but I don't think I'll have any hope of being able to afford to do it this year. I should be able to go there next year, because my friends are going on a trip around Asia, so I'll probably just tag along with them.

Some other places that I'm hoping to visit are Spain, Mexico and Japan. My brother went to Japan last year and said it was amazing. All those places sound great, and I'm sure I'll get around to going to each of them one day, but the place that I'd like to go more than anywhere else is the moon. I know the moon is very far away and only a handful of people have been there, but with the advent of private space flight, I might be actually able to go to the moon in my lifetime. I'm not holding out too much hope that I'll ever actually get to go up there, though. But hey, you never know. I'm still hoping that space flight becomes more affordable. It's still way too expensive.

Also, I really hope that my wife comes on the next trip with me. It was so boring on the last trip all by myself. It's so much more fun traveling with a partner as opposed to travelling alone.

I really hope that I'll be able to do most, if not all of these things, before I have my one on one with the almighty.

On a different topic, last week my cat was diagnosed with a kidney problem. I'm really hoping against hope that he's going to make it through this. He desperately needs a kidney transplant, and we haven't found one yet, but I haven't given up hope that we are going to find a suitable donor.

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Answer the questions below

- Where had he hoped to go before his 40th birthday?
- Does he think he will have any hope of being able to afford to go there this year?
- Where are some other places that he is hoping to visit?
- What isn't he holding out too much hope of actually doing?
- Is he hoping that space flight becomes cheaper in his lifetime?
- Who does he hope will come with him on his next trip?
- What hasn't he given up hope of finding?
- How many examples of "hope" can you find?

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