

Lesson 06: Provided that you do this...

レッスン 06: ただし、これさえするならば・・・

Target: Negotiating by giving conditions / terms
目的: 条件などを加え、交渉してみましょうReading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) plan to + verb	～を計画する	• a possession	所有物
• (to) save up for...	～のために貯金する	• (be) pricey	値段の高い
• (be) ridiculous	ばかばかしい	• (be) cheap	けちな
• (to) get good grades	いい点を取る	• (to) take the biscuit	あきれる
• content	内容	• (be) speechless	開いた口が塞がらない
• (be) random	無作為の	• a snow globe	スノーグローブ
• a DSLR	デジタル一眼レフ	• (to) lug... around	引きずりまわる
• (to) cost a fortune	一財産がかかる	• (be) reasonable	それほど高くない
• (to) replace...	～を交換する	• (to) get a place	住む場所を見つける

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

My name is Simon. I'm planning to go to Europe next month and I hate my parents. I've been saving up for this trip for 6 months. I've worked every evening in the pizza store near my house just to save enough money. Now, my dad has given me all these ridiculous conditions and I don't know what I'm going to do.

First, my dad said that I could only go provided that I got good grades in all of my exams. I've been working and studying hard all year, so it shouldn't really be a problem as long as the content of the tests is stuff we actually studied, and not just random stuff. I always get angry when I study hard, but nothing the teacher taught us ends up on the test.

My dad also said that he would lend me his new DSLR, as long as I promised to take good care of it. Now, he says he won't lend it to me unless I promise to buy a new one if I break it. These things costs a fortune, though. There is no way I'd be able to afford to replace it. I'm always careful with other people's possessions, providing they are careful with mine.

If you think my dad is bad, you should hear what my mom said. She told me that I could only travel abroad on the condition that I call her every night to say that I am OK. I don't mind doing it, so long as she pays for the phone calls though! International calls can be quite pricy.

She didn't just give me one condition though. Her second was that she would only drive me to the airport on the condition that I paid for her gas. I couldn't believe it! I know that my parents are cheap, but this took the biscuit. I was speechless.

Her third and most ridiculous condition was that I couldn't come home unless I bought her a snowglobe from every place that I visited. I'm going to travel all around Europe. I wouldn't mind so much if I was only going to one place, but I'm going to over 30! There's no way I'd be able to lug 30 snowglobes around with me. Maybe I can just bring her home a photo.

I'm definitely moving out when I get home, provided that I can find somewhere reasonable. Also, I can't get a place unless I find someone to live with. My friend Steve wants to move out too, but his parents won't let him unless he gets a job. Parents! What do they know?

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Answer the questions below

1. What was his dad's condition for going on the trip?
2. What was his dad's condition for borrowing the camera?
3. What's his mom's first condition for going on the trip?
4. What's his condition for the phone calls?
5. What's his mom's condition for driving him to the airport?
6. What's his mom's condition for him coming home?
7. What's his condition for moving out?
8. How many conditions / terms can you find?

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