

## Lesson 25: I don't get it

## レッスン 25: わかりません

**Target: Using the word "get" correctly**  
 目的: "get" を正しく使いましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• an SMS	SMSテキストメッセージ	• a run	ラン (得点)
• (be) between jobs	失業中で	• (to) make a difference	違いが生まれる
• a while	少しの間	• a platform	ホーム
• a raise	昇給	• that is	～ってことだけど
• (to) times	～倍する	• do so	そうする
• a wage	時間給	• over the phone	電話で
• measly	たったの	• (to) lose it	冷静さを失う
• get... wrong	～を誤解する	• (to) lose one's cool	冷静さを失う
• a field	グラウンド	• a warning	警告

## 1

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

I got an SMS from my wife the today as I was out riding. In the message she told me that she wants to get a new car. I don't want her to get a new car! We don't have enough money. I was between jobs for a while and I only got a new job last month. At my new job I only get \$7 an hour. It's terrible. I really need to get my boss to give me a raise. My wife thought that I got about \$2000 a week, but if you times my wage per hour (\$7) with the amount of hours I work (40) you only get \$280. That's right. A measly \$280 a week is all I get. I have no idea how she got that information. This isn't the first time she has gotten her facts wrong, though.

The other day, my friends and I were playing cricket at the local field, and David hit the ball really hard. Ben tried to catch it, but he was unsuccessful and the ball got him right in the face. It was pretty funny. My team got 10 runs while David was on the ground holding his face. My team ended up winning the match. 180 - 170. Those 10 runs we got really made a difference.

On Friday, when I was at work a few strange things happened. I normally get the bus, but this time I chose to get the train. When I was getting on the train we saw this guy on the platform steal a woman's handbag. Luckily, there were some police there and they were able to get the guy before he got away. And the old lady got the handbag back.

That morning at work was pretty normal, that is, until my boss came in. When my boss came in he looked really angry. He told me to get Mr. Tanaka on the phone right away, and I did so. He then spent the next 2 hours yelling at him in his office over the phone. It was really loud. I wonder what happened. In the afternoon something weird happened too. I asked my assistant to get me the ABC file, and she got angry – so, so angry. It was amazing. She completely lost it! It was a little scary, actually. That was the third time this month that she has lost her cool, and as a result she got into quite a lot of trouble. I don't think she'll get fired, but she'll definitely get a warning from HR.

I normally finish late, but today since my wife is getting home after me I'll need to get dinner tonight. I wonder what I should cook. I honestly don't feel like cooking though. I think I'll just get takeout.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does his wife want to get?
2. How much does he get an hour?
3. How many runs did his team get overall?
4. What happened while he was getting on the train?
5. Who did his boss tell him to get on the phone?
6. Who got into quite a lot of trouble?
7. What is he going to get for dinner?
8. How many examples of "get" can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 26: I took her to the movies  
レッスン 26: 彼女を映画に連れて行きました

Target: Using the word "take" correctly  
目的: "take" を正しく使いましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• my bad	私のミスでした	• no longer	もはや～でない
• (to) trust...	信用する	• (to) stink	悪臭がする
• luck	幸運	• a replacement	交換品
• (be) nasty	不快な	• a AA battery	単3電池
• (to) graze...	～を擦りむく	• a AAA battery	単4電池
• apart from	～は別として	• (to) interrupt	～に口を挟む
• (to) waste time +ing	～することで時間を浪費する	• rudely	無礼に
• to my surprise	驚いたことに	• (to) double	(2) 倍になる
• (to) state...	はっきり言う	• (to) run a test	テストをする

## 1

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

I had a very interesting week this week.

On Monday, someone took my golf bag when I went to the toilet. I probably shouldn't have left it outside. That really was my bad. You just can't trust anyone these days. My bad luck didn't stop there. Later that afternoon as I was leaving the golf course, I took a nasty fall coming down the steps. I banged my knee up a little bit and grazed my hands, but apart from that I was OK.

On Tuesday, I took my girlfriend to the movies because she wanted to see the new James Bond movie, and I did too. We normally drive to the movie theater, but this time we decided to take the train because it's a little cheaper and we don't have to waste time finding a parking spot. When we went up to the ticket counter to buy the tickets, I tried to pay with my credit card, but to my surprise the lady stated that they no longer take credit cards. So I just paid with cash, even though I didn't really want to.

On Wednesday, it was trash day, which meant I had to take all the trash outside. I hate taking the trash out. It stinks! It really doesn't take that much effort. I still don't like it though. When I finished taking out the trash my girlfriend was complaining that the remote for the TV wasn't working. I tried to change its batteries, but I wasn't able to because I didn't have any replacements. The remote takes AAA batteries and I only had AA batteries.

On Thursday, at work I had to give a big presentation to one of our new clients with my supervisor. I was supposed to speak for 20 minutes, but after I had introduced myself and the product, my boss interrupted rudely and said I'll take it from here. And then he proceeded to do the entire presentation. At the end of the presentation when he told the client that the price had now doubled, the client didn't look happy. I don't think he took the news very well at all. I really can't take my boss's attitude anymore. He always does this. Now, I'm the one who is going to find a new client. This could take ages.

On Friday, I came down with a bad cold and had to see the doctor. He took my temperature then ran a few tests. After that he prescribed me some medicine and instructed me to take three capsules a day. Once after breakfast, once after lunch and once after dinner.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What happened while he was coming down the steps?
2. Who did he take to the movies?
3. Does the cinema take credit cards?
4. What size battery does the remote take?
5. Who didn't take the news very well?
6. Does he think finding a new client could take a long time?
7. How many capsules does he need to take each day?
8. How many examples of "take" can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 27: It's way bigger

## レッスン 27: それははるかに大きいです

**Target: Using the advanced form of comparatives**  
 目的: 比較形を応用して使ってみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• on the planet	地球上で	• (be) identical	全く同じ
• through...	〜によって	• (be) blazing	激しい
• (to) come up with...	思い付く	• a connection	通信
• a tip	ヒント	• considerably	相当に
• (to) research...	調べる	• (be) punctual	時間通りの
• (to) get around	あちこちに移動する	• nowhere near	〜とは懸け離れている
• that being said	それはそれとして	• simply	本当に
• (to) compare...	比べる	• way	かなり
• nearly	ほとんど	• far	はるかに

## 1

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

I have been travelling for years. I've been to almost every country on the planet. Through my travels I've come up with some pretty useful travel tips. Here are my top 5.

1. The more you research where you're going, the easier it will be to get around.
2. The nicer you are to people, the nicer they will be to you.
3. The more money you bring, the more fun you'll be able to have.
4. The less stuff you bring in your backpack, the easier it will be to walk around.
5. The more people you know in the place you're visiting, the more interesting local places you'll be able to visit.

I don't really have a favorite country. All the countries I've visited have been amazing. That being said it is fun to compare different places.

- Tokyo and Paris have nearly identical towers, but Tokyo Tower is slightly bigger than the Eiffel Tower. Only by a couple of meters though.
- Japan and Korea both have blazing fast internet, but I think the average connection speed in Korea is almost twice as fast as it is in Japan.
- Australia and Malaysia both have a hot summer. The temperature during summer in Sydney is about as hot as it is in KL, but summer in Malaysia is considerably more humid than in Australia.
- France and Japan both have bullet trains, but I found that although the ticket prices for the TGV were pretty much as expensive as a ticket for a Shinkansen, the Japanese trains were much more punctual. We didn't have a late train during our entire trip in Japan.
- The trains in Australia are terrible though. They are nowhere near as good as the trains in France or Japan.
- One good thing Australia did have were fireworks. The fireworks in Australia for New Year's were simply amazing. They were way better than the fireworks I've seen in some other countries.
- The beer in Belgium is amazing. It's far better than regular American beer. Although it is quite expensive. One bottle of Belgium beer (when you're not in Belgium) can almost cost as much as four or more regular American beers.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What happens if you research the place more?
2. What happens if you bring more money?
3. What happens if you bring less stuff?
4. Is summer in Australia or Malaysia more humid?
5. Are the trains in France more punctual than the trains in Japan?
6. Are the trains in Australia better than the trains in Japan?
7. How much can a bottle of Belgium beer cost when you're not in Belgium?
8. How many examples of comparatives can you find?

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Lesson 28: There has been an accident  
レッスン 28: 事故がありました

**Target: Using the present perfect tense correctly**  
目的: 現在完了形を正しく使いましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) travel down...	～を下る	• a fountain	泉
• on earth	地球上で	• in recorded history	記録史上
• by the time	～する時までに	• a shot	写真
• a travel buddy	旅行友達	• (to) come to a close	終わる
• This just in,	たった今入ったニュースです	• (to) take a look at...	～をちょっと見る
• (be) humorous	ユーモアのある	• a satellite	人工衛星
• (to) collide with...	～と衝突する	• a rover	惑星探査機
• a tanker	タンクローリー	• (be) countless	数え切れない
• (to) lead to...	結果として～に導く	• a microchip	マイクロチップ

## 1

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

## Jill's travelling adventures

Hi I'm Jill. I love travelling. I'm quite tired at the moment because I've just gotten back from a trip to China. And wow! That was fun. I've had lots of great experiences in my life. I've been to Europe and Asia. I've traveled down the Amazon and I've even climbed the pyramids (although you're not supposed to). This year, I've been to ten countries and next year I want to go to another ten. My goal is to visit every country on earth by the time I'm 40.

I always travel with my friend Marcus. I've known him since I was five years old and we have been travelling together since 2002. He's a really good travel buddy. We have had some really great adventures together.

On our next trip, my mom wants me to take my little brother with me. This will be the first time he has traveled overseas so he is really excited. Now, we just have to decide where to go. For our next trip Marcus wants to go to Japan, but I've already been there twice so I'd rather go somewhere I haven't been yet. Maybe Russia could be cool, although it has become quite expensive lately.

## 6:00 News

Hello and welcome to the 6:00 news. I'm your host Jason Stevenson. This just in, there has been a quite humorous accident on Main Street. A Mentos truck collided with a Coca Cola tanker which led to probably the largest cola fountain in recorder history. Look at this shot here of kids playing in the street with all the cola. They seem to be having a great time.

Now, as the year is coming to a close, let's take a look back at some of the great scientific accomplishments of the last 50 years. We have been to the moon and put satellites in space and landed multiple rovers on Mars. We have cured countless diseases. We have invented the microchip and personal computers, but I think most impressively, we have invented cell phones and the internet which let us contact anyone anytime anywhere around the entire planet.

That's all from us tonight. And from all of us at the station we hope you have an amazing new year.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Where has she just gotten back from?
- Has she climbed the pyramids?
- How many countries has she been to this year?
- How long has she known Marcus?
- Will this be the first time her brother has been overseas?
- Where has there just been an accident?
- What have we put in space?
- How many examples of "present perfect" can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 29: I wish I had studied harder  
レッスン 29: もう少ししっかり勉強すればよかった

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

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (be) wonderful	すてきな
• (to) have the time of one's life	楽しく過ごす
• (be) overweight	太り過ぎ
• (be) obese	肥満体の
• a bucket load of...	たくさんの
• a break up	別れる
• (to) gorge oneself on...	〜を腹いっぱい詰め込む
• a belly	腹
• later on	あとで

## 1

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

I've been living in America now for almost three months. I've had an amazing time with lots of wonderful experiences. I'm having the time of my life. There are just so many interesting things to see and do. It's just so different to back home. It is every expensive though. I really wish I had brought more money with me.

There are some things I miss, though. I really miss my family. The last time I saw my brother was the day I left. It was his birthday so I wished him a happy birthday, gave him his present, then left for the airport. I really wish my family would come and visit me, but they said they can't because they have to work. I really wish we were rich so that my parents wouldn't have to work.

There are a few things about living here that really annoy me. I really wish people would take better care of their bodies. There are just so many people that are either overweight or obese, it's scary. I go to the gym every day and try to watch what I eat and I just wish other people would as well.

I'm not perfect myself, though. I have made my fair share of mistakes, and I have a bucket load of regrets. Two years ago, after a tough breakup I stopped eating right and just gorged myself on junk food for weeks. I thought it was making me feel better but it was just making me fatter. By the time I realized I needed to change my diet, I had gained 10kg. I had quite the belly. I really wish I hadn't eaten all that terrible food, because it took me a forever to lose the weight and get back in shape.

Another one of my regrets is quite recent. Last week while I was out shopping. I saw my favorite actor, Bradley Cooper. I asked him if I could take a picture with him and he said sure. When I went into my bag to get my camera I suddenly realized that I had left it at home. I can't believe I forgot my camera. I really wish I could have taken a picture with him. All my friends would have been so jealous.

This Sunday, there is a party at my friend Tom's house. My boyfriend said he could come, but then later on he cancelled. I wish he was still coming. Parties are just so much more fun with him.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does she wish she had brought?
2. Who did she wish happy birthday to?
3. Who does she wish would come visit her?
4. Does she wish his family were rich?
5. What does she wish she hadn't done?
6. Who does she wish she could have taken a picture with?
7. Does she wish her boyfriend was coming to the party?
8. How many examples of "wish" can you find?

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## Lesson 30: I'm used to it

## レッスン 30: 慣れています

**Target: Describing getting accustomed to changes**  
 目的: 変化に慣れていくことについて説明しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• culture shock	カルチャーショック	• (to) get lost	道に迷う
• initially	当初は	• in the beginning	初めに
• (be) spoken	話される	• (be) packed	混んだ
• (to) master...	マスターする	• (to) occur	起こる
• an expression	言い回し	• a quake	地震
• (to) step off...	～から降りる	• the point of...	意味
• a transportation system	交通システム	• (to) keep up with...	～に遅れずについていく
• (to) navigate...	道を指図する	• (to) affect...	～に影響を及ぼす
• a maze	迷路	• all the time	年がら年中

## 1

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

Because I work as a foreign correspondent I've been living overseas for ages. I don't even remember when I first came to Japan. It's been a long time, but Japan feels like home now. I had a little bit of culture shock initially after I arrived, but now I don't really have any problems.

I've gotten used to the language. I can read a Japanese newspaper now and I'm also pretty good at spoken Japanese, even though I still haven't been able to master formal Japanese yet. It's just so difficult. There are so many expressions. I remember when I stepped off the airplane, I literally didn't know a single word in Japanese, and when I tried to order something to eat at a local restaurant I was incredibly difficult. That was not a fun experience.

Another thing that took me a while to get a hang of using was the transportation system here. Because I'm from a small town that didn't even have a train station I had no experience navigating the maze which is the Tokyo Metro. I frequently got lost, or got on the wrong train in the beginning. Also, commuting to work on a really packed train did take some getting used to. But I've been doing this every day for years now. Actually, I'm so used to it now that I don't think I could live without the trains here.

Earthquakes over here occur much more frequently than back home. For the first few years I was really scared anytime one of them hit, even if it was just a little one. But now, I've become accustomed to them so much that the last time we had a small quake I thought It was just part of the movie I was watching.

That being said, there are one or two things that I'm not 100% used to yet. I know I've been here for ages but I'm still surprised by all the strange festivals they have here. I thought I knew them all, but each year I find out about a new or stranger festival. Just the other day, I found out there is a real festival where the whole point is to simply yell as loud as you can. It kind of sounds like fun actually. I might try to go.

Also, I don't think I'll ever get used to the fashion here. It's just so crazy and changes all the time. It's impossible to keep up with. Luckily, I can just wear a suit every day so it doesn't really affect me so much.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Has he gotten used to the language?
- What took him a while to get a hang of using?
- Did commuting on a packed train take some getting used to?
- Is he used to the trains there now?
- Has he become accustomed to the earthquakes?
- What is he still surprised by?
- Does he think he'll ever get used to the fashion there?
- How many examples of "use / accustomed to" can you find?

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# Lesson 31: It looks as if it's expensive

## レッスン 31: あたかも高価な物の様に見えます

**Target: Giving your opinion using "as if" and "as though"**  
 目的: "as if/though" を使い、自分の意見を言ってみましょう!

### Reading 単語



#### New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (be) subtle	微妙な	• (to) make sense	道理にかなう
• despite	～にもかかわらず	• (to) act	行動する
• (to) bow	おじぎする	• in fact	実際に
• (to) lean forward	身を乗り出す	• a regard	観点
• (to) plant a kiss	～にキスする	• an international license	国際的ライセンス
• (to) react	反応する	• (to) buckle up	シートベルトを締める
• (to) freak out	動揺する	• a near miss	異常接近
• (to) comment on...	～についてコメントする	• a collision	衝突
• a smell	匂い	• honestly	正直に

## 1

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

Hi I'm Brad. I'm currently travelling overseas with my friends. Keiko, Masahiro and Angela. We are in Japan at the moment and we are all having the time of our lives.

Japan is great. Of course the language and culture are different to back home, but Japan is also a little different to back home in a few subtle ways. For example, everyone in the country seems to bring an umbrella with them, or have a small umbrella in their bag despite whether it looks as if it going to rain or not.

I've had lots of fun experiences here. For example, I'll never forget the first time someone bowed to me. It was a girl that I had met online and decided to visit while I was over here. When we met she leaned forward as if to kiss me, so I planted a kiss her right on the mouth. She did not react the way I thought she would. She completely freaked out. She then quite angrily explained to me that she was simply bowing, and was not in any way trying to kiss me. I have never felt so embarrassed in my whole life.

One thing that I've realized about Japan is that you can almost smoke anywhere. One time, when Masahiro came back to the hotel he smelled as if he had been smoking, even though he doesn't smoke. When I commented on the smell he told me that the people he had been with earlier had been smoking. That makes sense I guess, even though they were at a family restaurant.

Masahiro is a good friend, but he does get a little annoying sometimes. He always acts as if he knew everything. When in fact, he is often wrong in most regards. I'm starting to get sick of it.

Angela is doing all the driving while we are overseas which is good because she is the only one of us that has an international licence. The bad thing is though, she drives as though she were the only person on the road. It's quite scary actually. We have been in two or three near misses, but luckily no collisions. I always make sure to buckle up when she's driving.

Keiko always gets really stressed when she gets in the car with Angela and constantly complains that she is such a bad driver. But it isn't as if Keiko is a better driver. She is terrible, as well. Honestly, I don't know who is worse, Keiko or Angela.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. How many people is he travelling with?
2. Why did he kiss the girl?
3. Did his Masahiro smell as if he had been smoking?
4. Had Masahiro been smoking?
5. Does Masahiro act as if he knew everything?
6. Does Angela drive as though she were the only person on the road?
7. Is Keiko a good driver?
8. How many examples of "as if / though" can you find?

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## Speaking Lesson

Lesson 32: Can I get a refund on this?  
レッスン 32: これは返金してもらえますか?

Target: Getting a refund in a store  
目的: お店から返金してもらいましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) mind...	～を嫌だと思ふ
• (be) unwanted	欲しいとも思わない
• a proof of purchase	購入を証明するもの
• thanks anyway	何はともあれ、ありがとう
• a policy	方針
• whatever	どんなことが～でも
• (be) welcome to (verb)	自由に～してよい
• in-store credit	その店だけで使える金券
• (be) out of warranty	保証期間が切れて

## 1

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

**Alice:** Hello.  
**Staff:** May I help you ma'am?  
**Alice:** Yes, I'd like to return this.  
**Staff:** OK sure. What was the problem, if you don't mind me asking?  
**Alice:** I got the wrong size.  
**Staff:** Can I see your receipt?  
**Alice:** Of course, here you go.  
**Staff:** OK. I'll go get a bigger size for you.

**Greg:** Hi. Can you give me a refund on this please?  
**Staff:** Sure. What was the problem?  
**Greg:** It's an unwanted gift.  
**Staff:** Do you have your proof of purchase?  
**Greg:** No, but I know it was bought here.  
**Staff:** Sorry, without some kind of proof of purchase, there's nothing I can do.  
**Greg:** I see. Well, thanks anyway.

**Staff:** Can I help you?  
**Sam:** Yeah. What's your refund policy?  
**Staff:** Well... if you don't like something you've bought for whatever reason, you're welcome to bring it back for a full refund or exchange within 30 days of purchase.  
**Sam:** OK great. Then can I get a refund on this please?  
**Staff:** Sure. Would you like cash or in-store credit?  
**Sam:** Cash please.  
**Staff:** I just need to see you receipt.  
**Sam:** Here you are.  
**Staff:** OK all done. Here's your refund.

**Ashley:** Hi. Can I get a refund on this please?  
**Staff:** I'm sorry ma'am, but this item is out of warranty.  
**Ashley:** Oh, I didn't realize. Sorry.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Alice say to ask for a refund?
2. What does the staff member say to request to see about her receipt?
3. What does Greg say to ask for a refund?
4. What does Greg say to explain the reason he wants a refund?
5. What does the staff member say to request to see about her receipt?
6. What does Sam say to ask for a refund?
7. What does the staff member say to request to see about her receipt?
8. What does Ashley say to ask for a refund?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 33: We'll be finishing soon

## レッスン 33: そろそろ終わります

**Target: Talking about the future using the future progressive tense**  
 目的: 未来進行形を使い、先のことについて話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) market...	売り込む	• (be) various	いろいろな
• (to) predict...	～を予測する	• a demonstration	実演
• a trend	傾向	• (to) hand out...	配る
• (to) foresee...	予測する	• (be) promotional	販売を促進する
• (to) rise	上がる	• material	資料
• an owner	所有者	• ID	身分証明書
• (to) reckon that...	推測する	• (to) spot...	～に気付く
• (to) have an effect on...	～に影響する	• (be) bright	明るい
• (be) respected	評判のいい	• a sign	しるし

## 1

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

Hi I'm Roger. I work for a marketing company. It's my job to both come up with new and interesting ways to market products and predict future trends.

Some future trends that I currently foresee are:

- I think by 2020 most people will be driving smaller cars, because of rising oil prices and the increasing difficulty of driving around and parking a larger car in the city.
- I believe in the next 5 years, 90% of the people on the planet will be using a smart phone. And about 70% of smart phone owners will also own a tablet that they will use instead of a laptop or desktop computer.
- I expect that in the next 10 years only about 10% of people will be still be smoking cigarettes due to the rising prices and terrible effects they have on people's health.

My company is quite respected in the industry and I have been invited to speak at an upcoming trade show. I'm pretty excited. The trade show is tomorrow. I've been preparing for it all week, but I'm still not ready. I'm on the plane now, but I don't think I'll be able to watch the in-flight movie. I think I'll be preparing for another 3-4 hours today at least.

Here is my schedule:

- I will be attending various presentations and product demonstrations from 11:00 to 1:00.
- I will be doing a short presentation myself at 1:30.
- I will be having lunch From 2:00 to 3:00 while my team goes around and hands out promotional material.
- I will be meeting with new clients between 3:00 and 5:00.
- I will be working in my booth until 7:00 when the trade show closes.

I still don't have my ID for the show, and I need it to get in. Ben would be able to get it for me, but I don't think I should call him now as he will probably be having dinner or spending time with his family. I'll just meet him before we go into the trade show. When I get to the show he should be waiting near the entrance and he should be pretty easy to spot because he'll be wearing a bright red suit, and he'll be holding a large black sign so I don't think I'll have much trouble finding him at all.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Does he think people will be driving smaller cars in the future?
2. What percentage of people does he think will be using a smart phone in the next five years?
3. Why does he think people will be smoking less in the future?
4. What will he be preparing for today for another three or four hours?
5. Will he be doing a short presentation at 1:30?
6. What will he be doing from 3:00 to 5:00 tomorrow?
7. What will Ben be wearing tomorrow?
8. How many examples of "future progressive" can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 34: He's a little unenthusiastic

## レッスン 34: 彼にはあまり熱意がない

Target: Using the negative prefix "un"

目的: 否定を表す接頭辞、“un”を使ってみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• telecommunications	電気通信	• (to) rely on...	~を信頼する
• (to) headhunt...	引き抜く	• (to) keep one's word	約束を守る
• a rival	競争相手	• (to) make a promise	約束をする
• a candidate	候補者	• (to) reveal...	暴露する
• an applicant	応募者	• (be) sensitive	慎重に扱うべき
• a shocker	ショッキングな人	• authority	権力
• Take... for instance	例として~を挙げる	• in regards to	~について
• (to) come off	印象を与える	• mentally	精神的に
• a reference	推薦状	• (be) suitable	適切な

## 1

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

I work at a large telecommunications company in the HR department. Last week one of the managers at my company was headhunted by a rival company. So, I've had to spend the last few days interviewing possible replacements, but so far I haven't found the perfect candidate yet. There have been quite a few good applicants, but there have also been quite a few shockers.

Take Mark, the first applicant I interviewed, for instance. He came off really professional during the interview. But, when I called his previous employer to check his references, I found out that Mark was actually a pretty bad employee. The boss there was happy to get rid of him.

He told me that Mark was really unreliable. You literally couldn't rely on this guy for anything. He also mentioned that Mark was untrustworthy. Although he always made promises, he never kept his word, ever! Once he even revealed sensitive information to a rival company after he had promised in front of everyone that he would guard the information with his life.

When he was given a position of authority as a team leader, he was unwilling to do any extra work. He was unsupportive of his team members, and he was unhelpful in regards to solving problems. Everyone agreed that he was a very uninspiring leader.

Here are some other things I was told. His desk and workspace was always untidy. His sense of humor was quite unusual. He frequently wastes his time doing unnecessary things, and he even might be a little unstable mentally.

His ex-boss also stated that he was extremely unresourceful, unmotivated and unproductive. And these are definitely three traits that you do not look for in a manager.

So, I think it's very unlikely that I'll be hiring Mark. It seems like a very unwise decision to even give him a second interview. It's really unbelievable that he thought he'd be able to hide such a terrible past from me. I'm really lucky I called and checked his references. It would have been unbearable working with him every day if he really is as bad as his ex-boss made him out to be.

I think it's going to take a really long time to find a suitable replacement.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Was Mark reliable?
2. Was Mark supportive of his team members?
3. What was Mark unhelpful in regards to?
4. What was Mark unwilling to do?
5. What did Mark waste his time doing?
6. Is it likely that Mark will get a second interview?
7. What would have been unbearable?
8. How many examples of the negative prefix "un" can you find?

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## Speaking Lesson

## Lesson 35: You must be Mr. White

レッスン 35: あなたがホワイトさんですね

Target: Giving a customer a tour of your company  
目的: お客様に、会社を案内してあげましょう!Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• must	～のはずだ
• (to) have trouble +ing	苦労する
• (be) accurate	正確な
• a director	重役
• (to) unload...	荷をおろす
• along the way	途中で
• (to) assemble...	組み立てる
• (be) worth...	～の価値がある
• (to) conclude...	終了する

## 1

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

**Martin:** Hi. You must be Mrs. Sanchez.

**Lisa:** Ahh, and you must be Mr. White.

**Martin:** That's me.

**Lisa:** It's nice to finally meet you Mr. White.

**Martin:** You too. It's always great to be able to put a face and name together.

**Lisa:** I think so too.

**Martin:** Thank you so much for coming today. Did you have any trouble finding the place?

**Lisa:** No, none at all. The map you sent me was very accurate.

**Martin:** That's great. Oh, have you met the director?

**Lisa:** I don't believe so.

**Martin:** Let me introduce you to him then. This is our director Craig Johnson.

**Lisa:** Hello Mr. Johnson. I'm Lisa Sanchez

**Craig:** It's nice to meet you.

**Lisa:** You too.

**Martin:** So, let me show you around.

**Lisa:** Thank you.

**Martin:** This is loading area. This is where load and unload all of the delivery trucks. Did you know that we get over 50 deliveries a day here?

**Lisa:** No, I didn't. Wow! That's a lot.

**Martin:** Now, let's head to the factory as there is a lot of things to see along the way.

**Lisa:** OK.

**Martin:** Just down the hall, you'll see the board room. To the left is the staff lunch room and my office is located just over there.

**Lisa:** I see.

**Martin:** OK. This building here is our main factory. Downstairs is where we do all the assembling, and on this floor is where we manufacture all the parts. Here's something you might find interesting. That machine over there is worth over \$2,000,000.

**Lisa:** Wow! That's a lot.

**Martin:** And that concludes our tour.

**Lisa:** Thanks for taking the time to show me around.

**Martin:** You're welcome.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Martin say to guess who the guest is?
2. What does Lisa say to guess who Martin is?
3. What does Martin say to introduce Lisa to the director?
4. What does Martin say when he offers to give Lisa a tour?
5. What does Martin say to continue the tour?
6. What does Martin say to point out the board room?
7. What does Martin say to share some trivia?
8. What does Martin say to finish the tour?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 36: I'm anxious to see it

## レッスン 36: それを見るのが心配です

**Target: Using adjectives and infinitives together**  
 目的: 形容詞と不定詞と一緒に使ってみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) go down	故障する	• (to) get the sack	首になる
• (be) discernible	認識できる	• one's call	決断したこと
• the head of...	部長	• above and beyond the	期待以上に
• (to) get to the bottom of...	～の根底にたどり着く	• call of duty	
• (to) tinker	いじくり回す	• (be) foolish	愚かな
• a glitch	問題	• (to) save face	顔を立てる
• (be) up & running	作動して	• (to) kill two birds with	一石二鳥
• in no time	すぐに	• one stone	
• (to) let... go	解雇する	• Yay!	やったー

## 1

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

I'm always very busy at work.

On Monday, we had a little problem with our computer system. It suddenly went down for no discernible reason. Because I'm the head of the IT department I was determined to get to the bottom of what happened. It initially looked quite hard to fix, but after a little tinkering I was able to find out what actually had happened. It was just a little software glitch and once I fixed it the whole network was up and running again in no time. In the end, it was actually pretty easy to fix.

On Tuesday, I was a little upset to find out I had to let one of my team members who had been with me for over 5 years go. He was quite surprised to hear the news. He couldn't believe he'd gotten the sack. I told him that I was really sorry to see him go, but the order came down from above, it wasn't my call. Still, he looked as though he were quite reluctant to go. And if I were him I would be too. It's always difficult to find a new job, but also sometimes it's good to try something new.

On Wednesday, I was astonished to see all my co-workers in the office at 6:00am. Normally, I am the first to arrive, but seeing that we have a huge project due soon everyone decided to come in early. I was so happy to see everyone arrive early, that I went out and got coffee and doughnuts for everyone. Everyone was very pleased to see me walk in shortly after with 5 boxes of doughnuts and lots of coffee. I like rewarding people when they do something above and beyond the call of duty.

On Thursday, I found another problem at work. I thought it would be easy and that I'd be able to fix it myself. But I was foolish to think so. The problem was so complicated that it was impossible to fix all by myself. I'd have to ask for help. I was really relieved to hear that Simon had offered to help fix the problem, because this way I'd be able to solve the problem and save face. Yay! Two birds with one stone.

On Friday, we had our monthly meeting and I was proud to announce to everyone that our new product had been a great success and as a thank you the company is going to hold a special staff party this weekend. Everyone was really happy to hear the news.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Did the problem initially look easy to fix?
- What was he upset to find out on Tuesday?
- Does he think it's sometimes good to try something new?
- What was he astonished to see on Wednesday?
- Was the problem on Thursday impossible to solve alone?
- What was he relieved to hear?
- What was he proud to announce on Friday?
- How many adjective + infinitive combinations can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 37: I was very confused

## レッスン 37: とても混乱しました

**Target: Using present and past participle adjectives correctly**  
 目的: 現在/過去分詞の形容詞的用法を正しく使ってみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• turnout	参加者	• a fun run	市民参加マラソン
• needless to say	言うまでもなく	• an alternative to...	～に代わるもの
• especially	特に	• a waste of time	時間の無駄
• (be) concerned about...	～について心配している	• (be) productive	生産的な
• environment	環境	• let alone	まして～なんて
• (to) have... to oneself	～を独り占めする	• (be) prospective	見込みのある
• (to) take over...	占領する	• (be) satisfied with...	～に満足している
• (to) nod	首を縦にふる	• waterfront	ウォーターフロント
• more and more	ますます	• a fireworks display	花火大会

## 1

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

I had such a busy week last week. On Monday, I went to my son's soccer game. I was amazed by the turnout. There were so many people there it was unbelievable. My son's team played really well and were able to win in the last 5 minutes of the game. Needless to say, everyone was really really excited during the last 5 minutes. Especially me.

On Tuesday, my wife and I went to a local hot spring. The environment there was just so relaxing. I remember feeling surprised when I walked into the pool because no one was there. I had the entire hot spring to myself. I was a little disappointed about 10 minutes later though, when ten new guests came in and pretty much took over the pool. When I told my wife about it she didn't seem to be all that interested and just nodded along while playing with her phone.

On Wednesday, I had to solve a few problems at work. Some of the staff were concerned about some of the changes the head office had been talking about, and it was a little embarrassing when I went to talk to them, because I didn't even have all of the information myself. Everyone in the meeting just seemed to get more and more confused. It wasn't a good meeting. We were all relieved when that meeting was finally over.

On Thursday, everyone at work had to participate in a local fun run. Some thought it was entertaining alternative to work, while others just found it to be a boring waste of time. Personally, I thought it was so boring too. There were so many other productive things that I could have done in that time. I was exhausted by the time the race was over. I can't even remember the last time I ran 1 kilometer, let alone five. Wow! I'm tired.

On Friday, I was shocked to find out that I had to go on a business trip to meet with a new prospective client. The client was extremely satisfied with the presentation and our products. I think my boss is going to be very pleased.

On Saturday, the whole family and I went down to the waterfront to watch the local fireworks display. The fireworks started at 9pm and there were just stunning. My son really enjoyed himself too. He told me that he was a little bored while he was waiting for the show to start, but once it did he thought the fireworks and music were just amazing.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What was relaxing?
2. Did his wife seem to be interested in the conversation?
3. What were some of the staff concerned about?
4. Why was he exhausted?
5. What was he shocked to find out?
6. What was the client satisfied with?
7. When was his son bored?
8. How many present and past participle adjectives can you find?

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Lesson 38a: There is a new exhibition  
レッスン 38a: 新しい展覧会があります

Target: Having a conversation about museums  
目的: 博物館や美術館について会話をしてみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) think of oneself as being...	自分のことを～だと思う
• (to) conserve...	保護する
• the general public	一般の人々
• (to) express oneself	自己表現する
• (be) ancient	古代の
• (to) discover...	～を発見する
• (to) make a guest appearance	ゲスト出演する
• the Renaissance	ルネサンス
• (be) priceless	値段が付けられないほど貴重な

## 1

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

Hi I'm Sam. I'm really interested in history. I like to think of myself as being a little bit of a historian. I really like going to museums. I usually go once or twice a month. I think I've probably gone to over 100 museums in the last 10 years, which isn't too hard as I have to travel a lot for business and that always gives me more and more opportunities to visit new and exciting museums. A museum is simply an institute that conserves a collection of items (usually artifacts) for the general public to view.

My favorite museum is the Museum of Contemporary Art. I really enjoy looking at different types of art and how people express themselves. I also like the National History Museum because they have so many items of scientific, artistic, cultural and historic importance. I think it's very important that we educate our children on the importance of preserving our heritage for future generations.

Last week, I went to an exhibition at a local museum that was showcasing different artifacts from ancient Egypt. They had some wonderful sculptures, they even had the original archaeologist who discovered the artifacts make a quick guest appearance and have a quick chat with the crowd. It was really cool to meet a real archaeologist. I had never met one before. The exhibition was just temporary; it was only on for three weeks. I usually prefer going to see the temporary exhibitions because I've already seen the permanent exhibits at the local museums multiple times.

My favorite era or time period in history has to be the Renaissance. Anytime I see works of art from the Renaissance I always imagine what life would have been like during one of the most amazing times in the history of art.

I remember when I went to the Louvre in Paris, there were so many beautiful works of art. I wanted so see them all, but I just didn't have time. I got to meet the curator of the Louvre though. That was fun. And after talking to him for a bit I realized that it was really hard to run a museum and care for all the different priceless artifacts.

One museum I haven't been to yet, but would like to is the baseball hall of fame. My son is really into baseball so maybe I'll take him sometime.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Does he think of himself as being a historian?
- What is a museum?
- What does he think it's important to educate children on?
- What was the local museum showcasing last week?
- Who did he meet at the local museum last week?
- What's his favorite era?
- Who did he meet when he visited the Louvre?
- What museum does he want to go to?

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Lesson 38b: The tank houses 3,000 fish  
レッスン 38b: 水槽には3000匹の魚がいます

Target: Having a conversation about aquariums  
目的: 水族館について会話をしてみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• at one's own pace	自分のペースで
• each and every	ありとあらゆる
• (to) race around...	走り回る
• a whale shark	ジンベイザメ
• a grey nurse shark	テンジクザメ
• feeding time	餌の時間
• (to) hide	隠れる
• (to) come over	こちらにやって来る
• a region	地域

## 1

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

Yesterday, I took my class on a field trip to the local aquarium and they had a really good time. It was very educational and they all learned a lot about marine life and the importance of conservation.

Anytime I go to the aquarium by myself I like to mosey around at my own pace and take my time looking at each and every exhibit. The kids however were a bit different. They raced around the aquarium as fast as they could. They only time they all stopped was when they saw the gargantuan central tank.

The central tank is amazing because it is completely transparent and it houses over 3,000 different kinds of fish. There are also two whale sharks in there. The kids had never seen a whale shark up close before and they just gazed at it while it swam past. They were all mesmerized for a good 10 minutes or so watching that whale shark. I found it pretty fascinating myself. Watching this giant fish swim through the crystal-clear water was amazing. Everyone was impressed with just how immense the whale shark was. One of the kids commented that it kind of looked like a flat oversized grey nurse shark. And I had to agree with him because he was right.

We all enjoyed the different shows they had during the day. They held a performance every two hours so we were able to see quite a few. Watching the seals do tricks was great fun. The kids also loved watching feeding time at the shark tank.

We saw lots of other interesting thing too. We saw a kelp forest. We saw lots of interesting and brightly colored tropical fish. We touched and played with the little creatures at the petting and tide pools. That was fun because some parts of the exhibits were see-through so the kids could see where some of the animals were hiding. The kids were especially happy when one of the guides came over and explained all about the different ecosystems in the ocean and what animals are indigenous to this region.

The aquarium was really world class and thanks to it and its wonderful staff I think the kids have a new appreciation for aquatic life. I recommend that you take your kids there as well someday.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Was the trip to the aquarium educational?
2. When did the kids stop racing around the aquarium?
3. Why is the central tank amazing?
4. What was everyone impressed with?
5. How often did they hold a performance?
6. Where did they touch and play with little creatures?
7. What did the guide explain about?
8. What do the kids have a new appreciation for?

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## Conversation Lesson

## Lesson 38c: My friend is tone deaf

レッスン 38c: 私の友達は音痴です

Target: Having a conversation about karaoke  
目的: カラオケについて会話をしてみましょう!Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) grow up	成長する
• (to) replace... with...	が～に取って替わる
• an abbreviation	省略
• an orchestra	オーケストラ
• (to) break out (a song)	歌う
• There is a pretty strong chance that...	という可能性がある
• a performer	出演者
• once and for all	今回限りで
• (to) strain...	ピンと張る

## 1

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

Hi I'm Megan, and when I grow up I want to be a famous singer. I try to practice singing whenever I can.

I just love going to karaoke. For those who don't know what karaoke is, it's where you sing the lead vocals to a song, and the backing track is played out of the speakers. It's like singing along to the radio except the singer's voice has been removed and replaced with yours. The word "karaoke" comes from two words. "Kara" shot for "karapo" which means "empty" in Japanese, and "oke" which is an abbreviation for "orchestra."

I usually go two or three times a week. Most of the time I go with my friends, but if no one is available I just go by myself. At karaoke, we usually only sing popular well-known songs, but sometimes we break out some oldies just for fun. Even if you don't know the words you can still hum along, or use a tamborine or a maraca. Also, you can sing back up for people if you don't want to sing by yourself. Singing back up is easy because even though most people usually don't know all the lyrics to a song, if the song has been on the radio for a while, there is a pretty strong chance that they are going to know the chorus pretty well.

Everyone always has their go-to-song. Mine is "Hero" by Mariah Carey. I really love her songs because she can hit these amazing high notes and I can too. My brother's go-to-song is "In The End" by Lincoln Park. He's pretty good at singing it too, which isn't really a surprise since he's been singing the same song at karaoke for over 10 years now.

I went to my first open mic night last week and it was a really interesting experience. Some of the performers were amazing and others were just terrible. This one guy was just the worst. He was completely tone deaf. He didn't sing one part of the song in key.

I remember the first time I competed against someone on stage. It was amazing. I was only about 15 and my friends and I had decided to have a sing off to decide once and for all, who the best singer in our group was. Needless to say, I won. When you are up on stage, it's important know the lyrics by heart, be able to sing acapella confidently and to really project your voice. Also don't strain yourself too much, because you know, otherwise you may lose your voice.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Where does the word "karaoke" come from?
2. At karaoke does she usually only sing well-known songs?
3. What is her go-to-song?
4. Can Megan hit high notes?
5. Did she go to her first open mic night last month?
6. Do people who are tone deaf sing in key?
7. When you are up on stage is it important to know the lyrics off by heart?
8. How may you lose your voice?

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## Speaking Lesson

Lesson 39: I could go for a cold beer  
レッスン 39: 冷たいビールなんていいな

**Target: Interacting with people at a restaurant**  
目的: レストランで色々な人と会話をしてみましょう!

Reading  
単語


## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• lamb	子羊の肉
• (be) to die for	非常に素晴らしい
• (to) make up one's mind	決心する
• a porterhouse steak	ポーターハウス・ステーキ
• (to) lean towards...	～に傾く
• your choice of...	好みの
• Make that two	それを二つください
• Very good	分かりました
• shortly	すぐに

## 1

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

**Lilly:** I'm starving.  
**Paul:** Yeah. Me too. I'm so hungry I could eat a horse.  
**Lilly:** What are you going to get?  
**Paul:** I don't know. What's good here?  
**Lilly:** The pizza is pretty good, but the lamb is to die for.  
**Paul:** OK. I'll go with the lamb then. How about you? Have you made up your yet?  
**Lilly:** Yeah. I kind of feel like steak.  
**Paul:** Which one?  
**Lilly:** I'm leaning towards the porterhouse.  
**Paul:** Get it.  
**Lilly:** OK. Yeah, I think I will.  
**Paul:** Great. Let's order.  
**Staff:** Hello. What can I get for you?  
**Paul:** Yeah, to start with. I'll have the Garden Salad, but no dressing for me please. Oh and for mains can I'll have the lamb.  
**Staff:** Certainly. And for you ma'am?  
**Lilly:** Does the steak come with fries?  
**Staff:** Yes, all of the steaks come with fries and your choice of sauces.  
**Lilly:** What sauces?  
**Staff:** Lets see. We have garlic, mushroom or diane.  
**Lilly:** I'll have a the caesar salad and the porterhouse please. And can I have that with the garlic sauce, please?  
**Staff:** Of course. And how would you like your steak ma'am?  
**Lilly:** Can I get that medium well, please?  
**Staff:** Certainly. Anything to drink?  
**Lilly:** A glass of red please?  
**Staff:** And for you sir?  
**Paul:** Make that two.  
**Staff:** Very good. Anything else?  
**Paul:** No, that's all.  
**Staff:** OK. I'll be back with your meals shortly. It will be just a few minutes.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. What does Lilly say to explain that she is hungry?
2. What does Paul say to explain that he is hungry too?
3. What does Lilly say to ask what Paul is thinking about ordering?
4. What does Lilly say to recommend a dish?
5. What does Lilly say to indicate what she is going to order?
6. What does Lilly say to ask if chips are included with the meal?
7. What does Lilly say to modify her order?
8. What does Lilly say to state how she'd like her steak?

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## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 40: It had such a nice time  
レッスン 40: とても楽しい時間を過ごせました

Target: Using "so" and "such" correctly  
目的: "so" や "such" を正しく使いましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) shine	輝く	• best of all	とりわけ
• a service	結婚式	• an open bar	オープンバー
• a bride	花嫁	• (to) lift...	持ち上げる
• (to) take one's eyes off...	～から目をそらす	• (to) cut up...	細かく切る
• (to) exchange vows	結婚の誓いを交わす	• (to) faint	気絶する
• (to) find... funny	～を面白いと思う	• a tux	タキシード
• (to) have a laugh	～を笑う	• a fiancée	婚約者
• a reception	披露宴	• noticeably	目に見えて
• (to) make a mad dash for	～に向かって猛然と突進する	• (to) run out	ちょっと出掛ける

## 1

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

On Friday, last week I went to my little brother's wedding. He didn't have his wedding in a chapel like people usually do. He had his wedding on the beach. He was lucky to have his wedding on such a nice day. The sun was shining, there weren't any clouds in the sky and the temperature was perfect; not too hot, not too cold.

The service was great. The bride came out in this wonderful dress. She looked so beautiful that no one could take their eyes off her. My brother certainly is a lucky man. When they exchanged their vows though, my brother said the wrong woman's name and everyone found it so funny that they couldn't stop laughing for a good two or three minutes. I myself, had a good laugh as well.

When the service was over it was time to start the reception. The reception was so much fun. Everyone had a great time dancing, the food was great, but best of all they had an open bar. There were so many different drinks to choose from that I had a hard time deciding what to get each time I went back.

Probably the best part of the reception was when they brought out the cake. It was such a big cake that they needed two people to lift it. It was a little difficult to cut up, but it tasted simply amazing. I'd never had such an amazing cake before, and I don't know if I ever will again. When I found out how much the cast cost, I almost fainted.

I remember seeing my brother before the wedding. He was so nervous about getting married that he had forgotten to organize a tux. That was the only thing his fiancée had asked him to do for the wedding and he had forgotten to do it. So now, as he was noticeably stressed I offered to run out quickly and grab a tux for him. He agreed, then I jumped in my car and made a mad dash for the local menswear shop.

I got there pretty quickly, but I had trouble deciding what tux to rent. There were so many tuxedos that I just couldn't make up my mind. I thought there was only one style of tux, but there were so many. In the end, I just asked the clerk to recommend one, then I paid for it and quickly headed back to my brother's house because there was only 50 minutes remaining until the wedding was supposed to start.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Was the weather good or bad on the day of the wedding?
2. Why couldn't the people take their eyes off the bride?
3. Why couldn't the people stop laughing?
4. Why did they need two people to lift the cake?
5. Has he eaten such an amazing cake before?
6. Why had his brother forgotten to organize a tux?
7. Why couldn't he make up his mind at the menswear store?
8. How many examples of "so" & "such" can you find?

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## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 41: It even has a pool  
レッスン 41: さらにそこにはプールもある

Target: Talking about houses using "even"  
目的: "even" を使って住宅について話してみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (be) spacious	広々とした
• a double garage	2車用車庫
• (be) spectacular	壮観な
• a walk-in closet	ウォークイン・クローゼット
• (be) ginormous	とてつもなく大きい
• practically	実際には
• (to) soundproof...	防音にする
• a waterfall	滝
• underneath	〜の下に

## 1

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

I bought a new house last week. It's simply amazing. It has 6 bedrooms, a giant kitchen, a really spacious back yard, a pool, a double garage and it even has a bar. So all my friends just love coming over for parties.

The view from my bedroom is simply spectacular. You can see Tokyo Tower, Skytree and sometimes you can even see Mt. Fuji. You can't see it at the moment, but when you can see it, it's pretty cool.

Another thing I really like in my bedroom is my huge walk-in closet. It's ginormous; it's practically a room itself. In my closet is where I keep all my suits. I have a lot of suits. I probably have over 100 different suits. I know it's a lot, but I'm rich and I just I love wearing suits. I wear a suit every day of the year - even in summer.

In my bedroom I also have a 60" TV. I mainly use it just to watch TV before I go to sleep. I have an even bigger one downstairs in living room.

In the living room, I have an amazing home cinema. I use the TV in the living room when I want to watch a movie a play a game. Everything just looks incredible on it. Also, the speakers are so loud that you can even hear it half way down the block. Although, because my home cinema is so noisy I'm considering getting my living room soundproofed so that I can listen to my music as loud as possible while not disturbing anyone. I have received one or two complaints from the neighbors in the past.

The pool is pretty cool. It has a waterfall, a diving board and it even has a water slide. My kids just love it. They spend pretty much every in summer just playing in the pool. I like to sit underneath the waterfall. I find it to be really relaxing. Although this is very hard to do when my kids are in the pool too because they are constantly runnings around, making noise, splashing each other and even jumping off my precious waterfall.

I think I might need to hire a nanny to take care of my kids sometimes, just so that I can get some peace and quiet.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Why do his friends like coming over for parties?
2. What can you see from his bedroom?
3. Does he wear suits all year round?
4. The TV in his bedroom is big, but where does he have an even bigger one?
5. Why has he received complaints from his neighbors in the past?
6. What are some things his pool has?
7. What is he thinking of hiring?
8. How many examples of "even" can you find?

## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 42: Tim is the guy fixing the sink  
レッスン 42: 流し台を直しているのがティムです

**Target: Talking about housing using present participle clauses**  
 目的: 住宅について現在分子節を使って話してみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) save up	お金をためる	• (be) decent	親切な
• (to) renovate	リフォームする	• (to) hammer in...	(くぎ)を打ち込む
• in which	その中に	• a nail	くぎ
• (to) specialize in...	~を専門に扱う	• (be) backbreaking	骨の折れる(仕事)
• renovation	リフォーム	• (be) a wiz with...	~が得意だ
• (to) project that...	予想する	• (to) break out	出火する
• (be) in a rush	大急ぎで	• a fire extinguisher	消火器
• (to) point... out	指し示す	• a saw	のこぎり
• (to) rip up...	引きはがす	• (to) leave... lying around	~を出しっ放しにする

## 1

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

I've been saving up for ages to get my house renovated. It just isn't big enough at the moment. I have three kids, and they all want their own rooms, plus they really need an area in which they can all play. I had a big house when I was a kid and I really want to give my kids the same. That's why I've decided to add an extra floor onto my house.

Last month, I finally got enough money so I contacted a local company that specializes in housing renovations.

Since the living room is much bigger now than it used to be, I'd really like to get a larger TV. But having spent all my money on the renovation I'm going to have to wait a while until I can get it. There have been working on the place for a few weeks already. They project that it's going to take another 5 weeks to complete. It's OK though cause I'm not in any rush.

There are quite a few members of the team working today. Let me point them out to you. That guy over there ripping up the carpet is Dave. He's the boss. Everyone reports to him. He seems like a pretty decent guy, and it seems like everyone respects him. The big guy cutting the wood is Simon. He's the flooring guy. He knows so much about flooring it's a little scary. Ben is the old guy hammering in the nails. The other guys said that he has been working in construction for over 30 years. Which is impressive, considering what a backbreaking job it is. There are also some new members to the team. Diago is the guy doing the wiring. He's supposed to be a wiz with electronics. And from what I've seen so far, he really looks like he knows what he's doing. Mark is another new member to the team. He's the guy installing the smoke detectors in the kitchen. My place got a little damage in a small fire that broke out a few years ago, so I'm really happy that are installing fire extinguishers.

My son likes to watch the renovators work, but at the moment he is at school studying. He should be home around 4:00 though. Last week, my son had a little accident. He cut his hand while playing with one of the saws the builders had left laying around. He said it wasn't that bad, but feeling worried I took him to the hospital. The doctor just gave him a few stitches and sent him home. He was right, it wasn't that bad. But I just don't like taking chances. Especially when family is involved.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Why can't he afford to get a new TV?
2. Who is Dave?
3. Who is Simon?
4. Who is Ben?
5. Who is Diago?
6. Where is his son at the moment?
7. Feeling worried, where did he take his son?
8. How many present participle clauses can you find?

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