

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

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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.

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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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