

## 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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