

Lesson 27

Tipping isn't mandatory.

Target: Having a conversation about tipping.

Vocabulary

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Tipping



Related vocabulary

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| - to leave a tip | - to stiff someone | - to charge someone |
| - to tip someone | - to bribe someone | - a seating charge |
| - to get the tip | - to dig for... | - a cover charge |
| - a gratuity | - to be customary | - a service charge |
| - to skip out on giving a tip | - to object to tipping | - minimum wage |
| - to be at one's discretion | - a tip jar | - a cheapskate |
| - to slip someone some money | - to be mandatory | - to be stingy |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. Do you usually leave a tip?
2. How much is it normal to tip people?
3. What countries is tipping customary in?
4. Has anyone you know ever bribed someone?
5. Do you think that someone who doesn't tip is a cheapskate?
6. Do many restaurants in Japan have a tip jar?
7. In what situations would you bribe someone?
8. What's the minimum wage in Japan?
9. How much is it customary to tip different people?
10. Why is it important to leave tips?

Partner #2: Questions

1. Is tipping mandatory in the US?
2. Have you ever seen someone skip out on giving a tip?
3. When shouldn't you leave a tip?
4. Do you object to tipping? Why? / Why not?
5. Are any of your friends stingy?
6. What are some different jobs where people depend on tips?
7. What is the largest tip you have ever left? What was the situation?
8. How much is the usual cover charge / seating charge at an izakaya?
9. What does "TIPS" mean? Did people use to tip before or after the meal?
10. Are gratuities included on the bills when large groups dine at a restaurant?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

1. **Role play:** Partner #1: You are at a restaurant. The service was great. Tip the waitress.
Partner #2: You are the waitress.
2. **Speech:** You really object to tipping. Back up your opinion.
3. **Speech:** You are a waitress. Tips are really important to you. Explain your opinion of tipping.
4. **Debate:** You think tipping is stupid, but your partner doesn't agree.