

Lesson 49

We have a nice nest egg.

Target: Having a conversation about retirement.

Vocabulary

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Retirement



Related vocabulary

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| - to hang up one's boots | - to semi-retire | - a nest egg |
| - a retiree | - failing health | - inflation / deflation |
| - to be mandatory | - depression / to be depressed | - a pension plan |
| - to take an early retirement | - to suffer from... | - a mutual fund |
| - to be eligible for something | - a nursing home | - a lump sum payment |
| - social security | - a retirement home / village | - a will |
| - the welfare system | - to be restless | - the cost of living |

Conversation

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

Partner #1: Questions

- How do you plan to conduct your daily life after retirement?
- At what age are you considering retiring? What is the mandatory retirement age in your company?
- What is your major goal before you retire?
- Have you considered early retirement?
- Why do you think some retirees suffer from depression?
- How do you plan on supporting your lifestyle when you retire?
- What kind of support does the government provide for retirees?
- What are the pros and cons of investing in stocks / mutual funds / real estate?
- How much money do you want to have by the time you retire? How much do you think you'll need?
- Where do they think the best location to retire is?

Partner #2: Questions

- When do you want to hang up your boots?
- Have you written a will? If so, who gets what?
- Who's responsibility / duty do you think it is to take care of elderly family members?
- What are the pros and cons of living in a nursing home?
- What are some different problems that retirees suffer from?
- Would you prefer to take a lump sum payment or a pension when you retire?
- How does the cost of living affect retirement?
- Does your company offer a good pension plan?
- Would you ever consider semi-retiring?
- What's the welfare system like in Japan?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- Role play:** Partner #1: You are 50 today. You are thinking of retiring when you are 60.
Partner #2: Convince your partner to take an early retirement.
- Interview:** Interview your partner on their retirement plans.
- Speech:** Describe what your plans for your retirement are.
- Debate:** You think retirement is a depressing time in one's life, but your partner doesn't agree.