

# Lesson 87

## He lost everything.

**Target:** Having a conversation about problem gambling.

### Vocabulary

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### Problem gambling



### Related vocabulary

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| - an <b>addict</b> / an <b>addiction</b> / to be <b>addicted to...</b> | - to be <b>preoccupied</b>        | - to <b>tend to...</b>         |
| - an <b>impulse</b> / an <b>urge</b>                                   | - to <b>lead to ...</b>           | - to <b>count cards</b>        |
| - to <b>resist an impulse</b>  | - to <b>disrupt...</b>            | - to <b>bet on...</b>          |
| - to <b>gamble</b>   | - to <b>strain a relationship</b> | - to <b>make back a loss</b>   |
| - <b>legalization</b>  | - the <b>track</b>                | - to <b>interfere with...</b>  |
| - to <b>lose everything</b> / to <b>lose big time</b>                  | - to <b>go all in</b>             | - to be <b>compelled to...</b> |
| - to <b>get hooked on...</b>   | - to <b>beat the house</b>        | - to <b>put money on...</b>    |

### Conversation

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

#### Partner #1: Questions

1. Is gambling legal in your country? If so, what games are popular?
2. Can you name a famous movie that is about counting cards?
3. Do you bet or have you ever bet on sporting events?
4. What do you think about online gambling?
5. Do you think age, sex or race has anything to do with gambling?
6. What can having a gambling addiction lead to?
7. What sports betting is popular in Japan?
8. Do you play the lottery? How long have you played for?
9. Do you think the lottery encourages gambling?
10. What do you know about the following games: Pachinko, Mahjong, Roulette, Craps, Poker, Blackjack (21)?

#### Partner #2: Questions

1. Why do you gamble? Why do you think other people gamble?
2. Have you ever tried to make back a loss by gambling more?
3. What problems do gamblers tend to have? Who does this tend to affect?
4. Do you believe in luck? Do you think it has anything to do with winning?
5. What do you know about the following games: Keno, Bingo, Oicho-kabu, The lottery, Baccarat?
6. What self help support groups do you know?
7. Why can gambling sometimes strain a relationship?
8. Have you ever played a slot machine? How do you win on a slot machine?
9. Is betting on horse races or greyhound races popular in Japan?
10. Have you ever lost big time? What happened?

**2** Complete one or more of the situations below

- 1. Role-play:** Partner #1: You have a gambling problem, and it is starting to affect your life.  
Partner #2: Help your friend and give them some advice on how to control their addiction.
- 2. Speech:** Compare gambling in different countries.
- 3. Speech:** Discuss the pros and cons of legalizing gambling in Japan.
- 4. Debate:** You want to legalize gambling in Japan, but your friend doesn't.