

Lesson 89

He's on the take.

Target: Having a conversation about corruption.

Vocabulary

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Corruption



Related vocabulary

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| - to corrupt... / to be corrupt / corruption | - to evade... / tax evasion | - to swindle... |
| - to take a bribe / to bribe... / bribery | - to buy / pay off... | - to tarnish... |
| - to be on the take | - to launder money | - to run rampant |
| - to take a kickback | - to cast an ugly shadow | - to be immoral |
| - to deceive... / to be deceptive / deception | - to siphon off... | - to be tainted by... |
| - to embezzle / embezzlement | - to blackmail... | - insider trading / info |
| - to defraud / fraud / to be fraudulent | - to cook the books | - white collar crime |

Conversation

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

Partner #1: Questions

1. What movies have you seen where there were cops on the take?
2. Is corruption a big problem in Japan? What industries has corruption tarnished the most?
3. Is giving your boss a summer / winter present in Japan a form of bribery?
4. When do you think it's appropriate to take a kickback? Have you ever accepted a bribe?
5. What famous movies or books do you know that have good examples of blackmail in them?
6. If you had insider information would you consider doing insider trading? Why? / Why not?
7. Where is corruption running rampant?
8. If you had information on someone, and someone tried to pay you off, would you take the money?
9. What do you know about: The Lockheed Scandal / The Japanese Government Pension Scandal / The Earthquake Resistant Building Scandal / The Nova Scandal (Nozomu Sarahashi)?

Partner #2: Questions

1. Why do you think people commit white collar crimes?
2. Is there anyone who has deceived you before?
3. What are the punishments for tax evasion in Japan and in other countries?
4. Do you think the punishments for while collar crimes are fair?
5. Why do criminals launder money? Why do you think the word "launder" comes from?
6. What would you do if someone tried to blackmail you?
7. Why would someone want to "cook the books"? What are the benefits?
8. What different companies's / countries' / people's reputations have been tainted by corruption?
9. What do you know about: the Martha Stewart Scandal / Wesley Snipes going to jail / The Enron scandal (Kenneth Lay, Jeffrey Skilling) / The live door scandal (Takafumi Horie)

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

1. **Role play:** Partner #1: Present different hypothetical corrupt situations and see how your partner reacts.
Partner #2: Explain how you would react in the different situations.
2. **Interview:** Interview someone convicted of committing a white collar crime.
3. **Speech:** Explain what you would do to end the world of corruption.
4. **Debate:** You think the penalties for white collar crime are unfair, your partner disagrees.