



A. Common Mistake (よくある間違い)

Read the article below and see if you can improve it.

下の文章を読んで、改善できる点はないか探してみましょう。

Bob: Hi, Kei.

Kei: Finished with lunch already?

Bob: Yes. I want to ask you a question.

Kei: Okay. What is it? Sit down.

Bob: I heard annual bonuses this year are less than last year.

Kei: I think so. Why?

Bob: What will you do if your bonus is less than what you expect?

Kei: I will resign.

Bob: Really?

Kei: Yes.

B. Today's point (今日のポイント)

Check those points with your tutor.

講師と一緒に、以下のポイントを確認しましょう。

It is more idiomatic to use "What if..." than "What will you do if..." when asking someone a hypothetical question.

When inviting someone into a discussion, avoid blunt commands like "Sit down" and "I want..." Instead use polite phrases like "Please, have a seat." or "Won't you sit down?"

C. Natural Conversation (会話練習)

Read the following sentences with your tutor keeping today's points in mind.

Today's pointに注意しながら、以下の文章を読みましょう。

Bob: Hi there, Kei.

Kei: Hi, Bob. Finished with lunch already?

Bob: Yes...do you mind if I ask you a question?

Kei: Of course not. Please, have a seat.

Bob: Thank you. Well, I heard that the annual bonuses might be less this year. Is this true?

Kei: I think so...but I'm not sure.

Bob: So...what if it is true? What if your bonus is less this year?

Kei: If my bonus is less this year, I'll resign from the company.

Bob: Wow, that's an extreme solution.

Kei: Yes, an extreme solution to an extreme problem.

D. Practice (練習問題)

Answer the questions.

以下の問いに答えましょう。

1. How often do you ask your coworkers for their opinions?
2. How often are you asked for your opinion?
3. In general, do you enjoy talking with coworkers about serious issues involving work?
Why or why not?

E. Exercise (演習)

Do a rollplay with your tutor on the topic below using what you learned today.

今日学んだことを活かして、以下のトピックについて講師とロールプレイングしてみましょう。

With a partner, take turns asking for each other's opinions regarding work related matters such as vacation days and working hours (e.g., Do you think our company gives us enough paid time off? Do you think our company should offer flex time?).