



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。

Company: Good. Now please tell me your greatest strength.

Keiko: Tenacity is my strength.

Company: Tell me your greatest weakness.

Keiko: I am too much of a perfectionist.

Company: Please say more about this.

Keiko: Well, I want everything to be correct. And if someone makes a mistake, I get upset easily.

Company: Okay...then how would your friends describe you?

Keiko: My friends? They like me, they like to hang out with me because I'm a lot of fun. I like movies and concerts and um...I'm dependable. I always help them out.

Company: Okay, thanks.

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。

When asked to describe your greatest weakness, you don't actually have to disclose your real weakness. Instead, a standard job interview tactic is to describe something as a weakness, which can be interpreted as a strength.

If you are a recent graduate, you can use your limited work experience as your greatest weakness.

Be sure to back up your statements with concrete reasons and/or examples.

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。

Company: Great...now, would you mind describing one of your greatest strengths?

Keiko: Of course. I would say my greatest strength is my tenacity. Once I am given a task, I remain committed to it until it is completed. In that sense I am very tenacious. I take ownership of my tasks and responsibilities.

Company: Excellent. Now please share with me your greatest weakness.

Keiko: Well, I tend to be a bit of a perfectionist. I am very good at adhering to rules, regulations, deadlines, that sort of thing. So when something happens, let's say a tight deadline cannot be met, I tend to be very hard on myself.

Company: Okay...and what would your friends have to say about you?

Keiko: My friends would say that I am extremely helpful and dependable. If someone needs assistance, I always volunteer to help. In other words, I work harmoniously with others, and I'm a team player.

D. Practice (練習問題)

Answer the questions.

以下の問いに答えましょう。

1. How would your friends describe you?

2. What is your greatest strength?

3. What is your greatest weakness?

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。

In pairs, share your greatest weakness and strength. Choose a weakness that can be easily interpreted as a strength.