

A. Common Mistake (よくある間違い)

Read the artcle 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: So let's talk about more details of your previous job. Do you like your job, and if so, why do you want to leave?

Keiko: Yes, I like my current job very much. I have learned a lot there, and contributed a lot. But I think it's time to leave. I can't learn anything else there.

Company: I see. So why are you looking for a new company exactly?

Keiko: I can apply the skills I learned there in a new position. I learned how to be a great problem solver, and I think your company needs problem solvers.

Company: That's true. Why else do you want to leave?

Keiko: I just need a new chance to grow and learn. Staying at the same job can be boring.

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 the reason for leaving your current job, never criticize your present firm, boss, or coworkers. Instead, you can always emphasize your motivation for future career growth.

When discussing skills learned at a previous job, try to connect those skills in some way to the job to which you are currently applying.

In case you are asked to give your opinion about your current boss/job/company, it's a good idea to be prepared to discuss what your current employer or boss think of you, as well as what you think of them.

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: So, I'm interested in hearing more details of your current job. Do you enjoy working there, and if so, why change to a different company?

Keiko: I very much enjoy working at my current job. I have a lot of respect for my boss and my coworkers and, to my great joy, they also respect me. However, I feel I've learned as much as I possibly can. And I've contributed a lot to my department.

Company: So what do you hope to gain by leaving?

Keiko: I intend to utilize the skills I learned there, and apply them in my new position. I'm very eager to try out my problem solving skills in a new environment.

Company: Anything else you care to add?

Keiko: I'd like to grow, and I need new challenges. I cannot continue to grow unless I make myself available and create new opportunities for myself. I am also interested in future career growth. I see myself in a managerial position in the future.

D. Practice (練習問題)

Answer the questions.

以下の問いに答えましょう。

- 1. Do you find it difficult to discuss your current or previous job during a job interview?
- 2. Have you ever accidentally criticized a former boss, company, or coworker during a job interview?

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 one person acting like the interviewer, and one the interviewee, act out a job interview scene where the interviewee must talk about his/her experience at a former company. Try not to speak negatively about your former job. Switch roles.