

Lesson 4: Introducing My Family

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Junko: Thanks for coming to my birthday party!

Arthur: Don't mention it. It's great to be here. By the way, this is my mother, Gina, and this is my dad, Bill.

Junko: Nice to meet you, Gina and Bill. Let me show you my family.

Arthur: Alright.

Junko: That woman holding a glass of wine is my mother. Sitting next to her is my father and the man in the red shirt is my brother, Alex.

Arthur: Okay. I'll say "hi" to them later when I get the chance.

Junko: Well, I had better go and talk to the other guests now.

Could you **look after** Pompom, my dog? He's under your table.

Arthur: Oh, sure. No problem.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. As a housewife, I **look after** three kids and a dog.
2. My mother is **looking after** my ailing grandmother.
3. Who **looks after** your business when you're on vacation?

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3. Your Task

You are introducing your family to your colleague (=your teacher). As you introduce them one by one, mention something interesting about your family members such as their hobbies, a childhood story or their accomplishments.

4. Let's Talk

During special occasions such as birthdays and weddings, who are the people that you invite to your party? Is it a Japanese custom to invite as many relatives as possible to a party? Expand on your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words.



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