

Lesson 15: How to Ask a Favour

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1. Dialogue

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

Ken: Mary, can I ask you something?

Mary: I'm all ears.

Ken: Would it be too much trouble if I came to work at 10:00AM tomorrow?

Mary: Could you tell me why?

Ken: It's the NBA finals tomorrow morning. I've just got to watch the show.

Mary: You mean, you're going to be late for work because of a game?

Ken: Please, Mary. This is the last favour that I'm going to ask from you this year.

Mary: Oh, stop it. Okay, I'll let you watch your game but make sure you finish all your work tomorrow.

Ken: Thank you! I'll return this huge favour. I promise.

Mary: You can start by **getting me some coffee**.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Can you **get me some water**? I'm quite thirsty.
2. I need to **get my mother some aspirin**.
3. Gina **got me an appointment** with the company president.

* get + 人 + 物(事) / 人に物(事)を用意する

3. Your Task

Tell your teacher the Japanese way of asking for a favour.

Express it in formal and casual ways.

4. Let's Talk

Do you think you are a person who can ask a favour from others casually?

Are you someone who finds it difficult to ask people for a favour?

Tell your tutor why you are good or not good at asking favours.

And then, ask your teacher how he/she is at asking favours.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words.



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