

Lesson 21: How to Consult

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1. Dialogue

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

Bill: I'm sorry to disturb you, sir. I need your recommendation on some matters.

Mr. Sato: Come in, Bill. Tell me what's so urgent.

Bill: Our shipment got held up due to a storm in the Pacific. This significantly affects our delivery time, sir.

Mr. Sato: See to it that the customers are notified. Tell them that we apologize for the delay.

Bill: I also await your advice on Mr. Honda's proposal. Are you signing the contract?

Mr. Sato: I'm afraid not. I'll talk to Mr. Honda personally. Anything else?

Bill: Yes, there is one more thing. What do you **suggest we do** with the Taiwanese account?

Mr. Sato: I haven't decided yet, Bill. I'll confirm my decision tomorrow.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. I **suggest you see** a doctor for that cough. It sounds bad.
2. What do you **suggest I do** for my farewell party?
3. I strongly **suggest that you turn off** the Japanese subtitles when you're watching American shows.

* suggest (that) someone do ... / 人が...することを提案する。

3. Your Task

Part of your job in the company is to hire and fire employees. You need to consult with your boss (=your tutor) about firing Jack, a co-worker. Jack is a nice person but he's not very professional. Tell your boss all the details and ask for his advice.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you asked for advice from anyone? What was it about?

When was the last time you gave someone some advice? Do you get unsolicited advice from people around you? Tell your tutor all about it.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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