Lesson 23:   How to Encourage Someone

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1. Dialogue

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

Kaneko, the manager: Great job, everyone! You did really well today!

Bill, the chef: I'm glad it's closing time though. I am so tired.

Kaneko: Chef Bill, I was really impressed with the way you handled the kitchen. The food was
    great and the customers were happy. Bravo!

Bill: It may seem like that but I got frustrated with one of my cooks.

Kaneko: You mean Katsumi? She's new so she's bound to make mistakes.

Bill: I thought I was going to send her home but she kept up with the flow.

Kaneko: Oh, I'm sure she learned a lot today. In the meantime, you deserve a good glass of wine.

Bill: What if we get too many diners tomorrow? We might not be able to serve them all.

Kaneko: I'm not worried. With your cooking expertise, things will go smoothly as planned.

Bill: You were great, too. You kept our servers on their toes. Nice work, Kaneko!

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. I was impressed with how well-organized the whole event was.

2. A: This hotel is amazing, don't you think? B: I'm quite impressed.

3. The boss was so impressed by Jane's superb work that she was promised a promotion soon.

* be impressed with (by) ... /...に感心させられる

3. Your Task

Your co-worker is very shy and she does not have much confidence about herself. She said that she's scared of your boss and she wants to resign. She's a smart person so you want to encourage her not to give up her job. Talk to her (=your tutor) and tell her to believe in herself.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you encouraged someone not to give up on something? Tell your teacher all about it. In the past, have you ever been frustrated about not reaching a goal? If yes, what did you do to push yourself back up again?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

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