

Lesson 30: Opening a Conversation

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1. Dialogue

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

Tom: (At the bus stop) Excuse me. Could you tell me which bus I should take to Tokyo Tower?

Sachi: Uhm... Hashi 86 could take you there.

Tom: Hashi 86? Will it make a stop here?

Sachi: Let me look at the timetable (looking at her smart phone) You're in luck. The next bus will be in 10 minutes.

Tom: Cool! That's an awesome phone you have there. Is it a Japanese brand?

Sachi: Why, yes. It is. **I'm Sachi, by the way.**

Tom: Nice to meet you, Sachi. I'm Tom. Thanks for looking up the bus schedule for me.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. **I'm Tony, by the way.** What's your name?
2. It was nice talking with you. **By the way, my name's Jack.**
3. **My name's Tomoaki, by the way.** See you soon.

* I'm ... , by the way / ちなみに、私（の名前）は....です。

3. Your Task

You're waiting for your bus. A foreigner is looking at the time table and he looks confused. Ask him/her (= you tutor) if there's any problem. Offer him/her help in reading the schedule and recommending a bus route.

4. Let's Talk

Has a foreigner tried to make a conversation with you in the past?

If yes, what did he/she say and how did you respond?

Have you ever had a chance to open a conversation with a foreigner? Tell your tutor about it.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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