

Lesson 30: Opening a Conversation

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1. Dialogue

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

Agatha: (in the salon) That hair color looks really nice on you. What color is it?

Mizuho: Oh, thank you. My stylist calls it 'waffle brown'. Yours looks good as well.

Agatha: Do you think so? I thought it looked better in the magazine.

Mizuho: Can I ask where you're from?

Agatha: I'm from California. Are you from around the neighborhood?

Mizuho: Yes, I was born and raised here. Have you been to the onsen?

Agatha: I have! It was a surprising experience. (Giggles) I've never been naked in a pool before.

Mizuho: (Giggles) It's a Japanese custom. I have to get going now. See you around Kyoto.

Agatha: Oh, I didn't get your name. I'm Agatha. **Why don't we** have some sake **sometime?**

Mizuho: I'd love to have some sake with you. I'm Mizuho. Here's my number.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. **Why don't we** have coffee **sometime?**
2. **Why don't we** grab a beer **sometime?**
3. **Why don't we** get together **sometime?**

* why don't we ... sometime ? / またそのうち...しましょう。

3. Your Task

You are sitting in a restaurant when an American asks you "Is the sushi any good here?" Respond to the American (=your tutor) and start a conversation.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you spoke to a foreigner? How did the conversation start?

Tell your teacher all about it. Do the Japanese people have the custom of greeting strangers on the street? Why or why not?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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