

Lesson 31: Breaking the Ice

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1. Dialogue

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

Miho: (in the park) **What an adorable dog!** What's his name?

Bill: Oh, it's a she. Her name is Olga.

Miho: (talking to the dog) Why, hello, Olga. (now talking to Bill) How long have you had her?

Bill: A couple of months. I'm still house training her.

Miho: Will you be taking her with you when you go back to your country?

Bill: Definitely. I'm having her travel papers prepared. Do you have a dog?

Miho: I do. I've got a Shih-Tzu and a Labrador. Oh, where are my manners? I'm Miho.

Bill: My name's Bill. Want to have coffee some time?

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. **What a cute baby!** How old is he?
2. **What a good looking boy.** Is he your son?
3. **What nice shoes** you're wearing. Are they Prada?

* what a big(cute, nice etc.) ... ! / なんて大きな (可愛い、素敵な etc.) ...なんでしょう！

3. Your Task

You're on the bus when a foreigner sits next to you. You notice that he/she is holding a book that you've read and really like. Start a conversation by saying something about the book.

4. Let's Talk

Have you ever given a stranger a compliment which sparked a good conversation? Tell your tutor all about it.

When you see a foreigner on the street, do you use any form of greeting? Why or why not?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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