

Lesson 32: Making an Appointment for the Next Meeting/ Exchanging Numbers

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1. Dialogue

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

Hideko: (At an ekiben shop while people are lined up to buy food) Excuse me. Are you in the queue?

Daniel: Yes, I am. But you can go ahead of me.

Hideko: Gee, thanks. Having a hard time deciding, huh?

Daniel: Yes. They all look delicious.

Hideko: I suggest you try the matsusaka-gyu. This town is known for its high-grade beef.

Daniel: Why, thank you. I'm Daniel. What's your name?

Hideko: Hideko (shakes hands with Daniel).

Daniel: I'm new in town. If it's not too much to ask, could you show me around some time?

Hideko: Sure. Here's my number. Give me a call and we'll set something up.

2. Today's Phrase

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

- 1. (In an airplane) Passenger: Excuse me, miss. If it's not too much to ask, could I have some warm water? Flight Attendant: Sure. I'll be back in a while.
- 2. (In a restaurant) Diner: If it's not too much to ask, could you re-heat my food? It's been sitting for a while. Waiter: No problem, ma'am.
- 3. A: If it's not too much to ask, could I borrow your phone to call someone? B: Yeah, sure.

* If it's not too much to ask / もし良ければ、ご迷惑でなければ

3. Your Task

You run an English book club for Japanese readers. Every morning in the park, you see a foreigner who's always reading a book, sitting in the same spot every time. Greet him/her and open a conversation with the foreigner (=your tutor). Invite him/her to your book club and exchange numbers with him/her.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you exchanged numbers with a foreigner? How many foreign friends do you have? Describe how you became friends with any one of them.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

