

Lesson 36: At the Bank

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1. Dialogue

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

Randy: How may I help you, sir?

Kenshin: I'd like to exchange some currency for US dollars.

Randy: What currency do you have, sir?

Kenshin: I've got some Yen and Euros. How much are they worth in dollars?

Randy: (Checking his computer) For a thousand Yen you'll get US\$9.75 while one Euro is

US\$1.38.

Kenshin: I see. Here's my cash. I'd like my dollars in small bills, please.

Randy: I would need an identification card sir.

Kenshin: Can you tell me what you need my I.D. for?

Randy: It's just to keep a record of who exchanged these currencies. It's a bank protocol. Kenshin: Alright. Here's my passport. Be sure to return it, please. I tend to be forgetful.

2. Today's Phrase

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

- 1. How much is an ounce of gold worth?
- 2. I'd like to sell some of my antique jewelry pieces but I have no idea how much they're worth.
- 3. How could you break my old English tea cups? Don't you know how much they're worth?
 - * How much is something worth? / (物など) は、どのくらい価値がありますか?

3. Your Task

You were trying to withdraw money from the ATM when something went wrong. The cash didn't come out of the machine after you completed the process. You now go into the bank and talk to the manager (=your tutor). Explain to him what happened and ask what he/she can do about it.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you went to a bank? What kind of transaction did you do? What are the benefits of having a bank account?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

