Lesson 43:   Talking About Traffic Conditions

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1. Dialogue

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

Tom: Where are you celebrating Thanksgiving?

Katsu: I'm heading to L.A. tonight for a dinner party with friends and family.

Tom: You should be off early then. Everyone's driving out of the city so there's bound to be heavy traffic.

Katsu: I know. Last year, it was bumper to bumper for hours.

Tom: Until when are you staying in L.A?

Katsu: I might head back the next day after the celebration.

Tom: You had better leave L.A. around 5:00AM so you won't get stuck on Route 45.

Katsu: I really want to do that but nobody wakes up at 5:00AM after a night of partying.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. You won't believe the traffic. It's bumper to bumper!

2. (On the phone) Sorry, I'll be a little late. It's bumper to bumper on Oak Street right now.

3. Bangkok City is infamous for bumper to bumper traffic.

* bumper to bumper /（車が）数珠つなぎになって

3. Your Task

You are a news reporter and your task is to tell the public about the traffic situation in the city. During rush hour, there was a car accident which caused traffic congestion. Tell your TV viewers (=your tutor) about the situation.

4. Let's Talk

Talk about traffic in your city. How often do you get stuck in traffic?
What do you do when you're in traffic?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

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