

Lesson 69: Getting a Job

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1. Dialogue

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

Akiko, the Grandmother: I've ironed your coat and breakfast is ready. Are you all set for the job interview?

David: I think I am. Grandma, could you fix my tie for me?

Akiko: Here you go. How do you feel?

David: I have butterflies in my stomach and I am sleepy at the same time. I didn't sleep well last night.

Akiko: I remember when I had my first job interview. I woke up at 4:00AM to prepare for it.

David: I'd love to hear your story but I really have to get going now. You know how the subway can get very crowded during rush hour.

Akiko: What about your breakfast?

David: I'm too nervous to eat. Goodbye Grandma. I'll call you right after my interview.

Akiko: Good luck! I know you'll do well.

2. Today's Phrase

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

- 1. The runners are at the starting line and all set for the marathon.
- 2. A: Ready to go? B: I'm all set.
- 3. I was all set to go home when my boss called an emergency meeting.

* all set / 準備がすっかり整っている

3. Your Task

Your friend (=your tutor) has been trying to get a job but he hasn't had much luck. He has come to you for advice. You have observed some negative points that might have lost him his chance of getting a job. Give him constructive criticism on the way he dresses up, the way he answers questions and his resumé.

4. Let's Talk

Is it difficult to get a job in Japan? Explain your answer.

If you could work in another country, which would it be and why?

How much money would be an ideal salary for you?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

