

Lesson 71: PC

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1. Dialogue

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

George: (confused) What does L-O-L mean? Sometimes, my co-workers just reply with those three letters when we chat online.

Ichiro: It just means "laughing out loud".

George: So, that's what it means. I thought it was a term for something important at work. Why don't people just reply with "hahaha"?

Ichiro: You can still say that when chatting. I use R-O-F-L which means "Rolling On Floor Laughing". I think it's fresh and funny.

George: I prefer the ways of the old-school when people talked to each other eye-to-eye. Emails are so impersonal, don't you think?

Ichiro: I like technology. I think the computer is the best invention of all. But I get your point.

Some people are so caught up with social media that they forget about real people.

George: I-K-R!

Ichiro: (surprised) What's I-K-R?

George: It means "I know, right?" It's something like L-O-L. Ichiro: O-I-C. And I thought you preferred the old school ways!

2. Today's Phrase

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

- 1. My professor's old-school methods have been very effective.
- 2. Where did you get that leather jacket? It's so old-school.
- 3. Nothing beats my mother's old-school home-baked pies.

* old-school / 古い習慣を守る、伝統的スタイルの

3. Your Task

You work as a volunteer in a developing country. Your task is to teach poor children how to use the computer. Demonstrate (to your tutor) how a computer is turned on and off. You should also tell the kids about some of the things that we can do with the computer.

4. Let's Talk

What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a PC? In your opinion, what will PCs be like twenty years from now?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.