

Lesson 87: Fraud

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1. Dialogue

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

Ichiro: I saw you having coffee with Mr. Jones.

Bill: You know him? Actually, I only just met him. He asked if he could share the table.

Ichiro: I know him quite well. I think you should know that he can't be trusted.

Bill: Why do you say so? He seems like a nice man. He even paid for my coffee. He said he enjoyed talking to me.

Ichiro: That's his style. After three meetings like that, he'll convince you to invest in his company.

Once you give him money, you'll never see him again.

Bill: How do you know all that?

Ichiro: He tried to pull a stunt on my old aunt. I checked his background and found out that he has three fake names. He is also wanted for fraud in several states.

Bill: Oh, my. Thanks for the warning.

2. Today's Phrase

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

- 1. I can't believe Jack tried to pull a stunt on me.
- 2. Don't believe her. She's trying to pull a stunt on you.
- 3. Pull a stunt on me again and I'll call the police.

* pull a stunt on ~ / ~をだます、~をはめる; *pull a stunt/ 曲芸飛行、離れ技をする

3. Your Task

While on vacation in Rome, someone offered to give you a tour for \$50. Once you paid, the tour guide disappeared and never came back. You realized that it was a fraud. You have now decided to go to the police. Tell the police officer (=your tutor) how it happened. The officer will also ask you to describe the man.

4. Let's Talk

Tell your tutor of an experience when you were scammed or cheated on. What did you do about it?

What are some of the famous frauds that you know of?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

