Lesson 2: Inquiring About an Ad

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1. Dialogue

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

Haruka has been trying to apply for a job she found on the internet. However, the online application form will not open due to a technical problem. So, she calls the company to inform them of the problem, and to inquire how she could pursue her application.

Haruka: Hello. I was wondering if I could talk to the hiring manager. It's about your online job ad.
John: I can help you with that. This is John. How may I be of help?
Haruka: I can't seem to open the link to the online application form.
John: Hmm… Please stay on the line, miss. I'll give it a try from my PC. (After a minute…)
 I'm sorry to have kept you waiting. I'm afraid you're right about the link.
Haruka: Can I just send you my curriculum vitae via email instead?
John: Our site administrator is working on the problem right now. For now, you may send your resume via e-mail.
Haruka: Thank you very much. Could you give me the e-mail address, please?
John: Please direct your CV to HR@onlinejob.com. We truly appreciate you notifying us about the link.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The website is under construction for now.
2. There's nothing we can do for now. We'll just have to wait and see.
3. Sungsam Company's stock prices have dropped considerably. For now, the company is looking for ways to diversify its income.

* for now / 今のところ

3. Your Task

As instructed on the job posting, you've sent your CV via e-mail, but your e-mail keeps bouncing back. You call the company and inform them about it. It turns out that there was a typographical error in the advertisement. Sort this situation out so you can apply for the job.

4. Let's Talk

What would be an interesting job for you?
Talk about some of the oddest jobs that you know about.
Will you still be doing the same job ten years from now?
Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.