

Lesson 4: Applying for a Job

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1. Dialogue

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

Mai has sent out job applications to several companies. An employee from one of those companies, Tech Gear, has called and asked her to come in for a same-day interview. Upon hearing that the company urgently needs an accountant, she agrees to be interviewed that day.

Mary: Hello, Ms. Terada. I'm from Tech Gear. We've received your application for the accounting job. We'd like to call you in for an interview.

Mai: Oh, I see. I'm sorry, but what's the company name again? I sent out several applications.

Mary: It's Tech Gear. Anyway, we were wondering if you could **come by** our office today.

Mai: Today? It's kind of a short notice but let me check my schedule. Give me a second, please.

Mary: We're sorry for not calling earlier. Tax season has started, so we're hoping to hire additional staff as soon as possible.

Mai: I understand, ma'am. It looks like I can come in for the interview this afternoon.

Mary: Wonderful. What time shall we expect you?

Mai: I can be there at 2:00PM. Thank you for calling, Ma'am.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The applicants were told to **come by** in the afternoon.
2. A thunderstorm **came by** and ruined the campers' afternoon.
3. Please **come by** my house anytime. I'd love to have tea with you.

* **come by** / 立ち寄る、～に立ち寄る

3. Your Task

You work at the HR (= human resources) department. One of the unsuccessful candidates has called you up. He/She (= your tutor) would like to know why he/she didn't pass the screening process. Respond to the caller's question as professionally as you can.

4. Let's Talk

How did you apply for your last job?

If the HR departments' office was messy and the interviewer was rude, would you still pursue the application? Why or why not?

What was the very first job you applied for?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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