

Lesson 4: Applying for a Job

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1. Dialogue

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

Mai is applying for a kindergarten teacher's job. A teacher named Jean explains that she can't be interviewed at this time. Mai takes the opportunity to find out more about the application process.

Mai: Hello. I'm here to apply as a kindergarten teacher. The ad said I could drop by the school anytime.

Jean: Yes, that's right. I'm Jean, one of the teachers here.

Mai: It's nice to meet you. My name is Mai Terada. I hope I'm not interrupting you at work.

Jean: Hello Mai. I'm afraid it's quite busy here today. I'm sorry, but unfortunately the person in charge of hiring new teachers is unavailable just now. Could you come back in the afternoon for your interview?

Mai: Hmmm, I see. This afternoon is not good for me, though.

Jean: Around this time tomorrow would be fine, too. Make sure you attach relevant documents and important credentials to your CV. They could boost your chances of success.

Mai: Thanks for the advice. If you don't mind me asking, will the applicants be taking a test?

Jean: Not a test, but a demo class. Our school also requires a complete health check once hired.

Mai: I see. It sounds like a tough screening process. Thanks again. I'll see you tomorrow.

Jean: I'm really sorry that you can't be accommodated today. We just happen to **be flooded with** work.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The school **was flooded with** calls from worried parents.
2. The office **was flooded with** applications.
3. The company **was flooded with** complaints about the newly released product.

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3. Your Task

The company you're applying to asked for your resume and credentials to be sent via e-mail. You must also write an application letter in the e-mail itself. What would you write in your application letter? Tell your tutor about it.

4. Let's Talk

Is it important to get into a big company right after finishing college? Explain your answer.

Have you tried applying for a job in big companies? Why or why not?

For what reason would you turn down a job offer?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

