

Lesson 5: Job Interview

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1. Dialogue

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

Asuka is applying for a job at Minisoft. Her interviewer, Bill, wants to know more about her work experience.

Bill: Could you please start by talking about your work experience?

Asuka: My first job was with Giggle Software. I started as a junior programmer and worked my way up to manager. I was with them for five years, and then the company turned belly up.

Bill: I heard about Giggle's financial problems. It was unfortunate.

Asuka: After Giggle, I went to work with a lesser known company called Wahoo. I worked at night to match the American office's schedule. The work hours wore me out. I was paid well, but **at the expense of** my health.

Bill: Is that the reason you're applying to Minisoft?

Asuka: That's partly correct. I do want to be able to work normal hours. The main reason is that I've always dreamed about working with the biggest software development company in the world.

Bill: What took you so long to apply to Minisoft?

Asuka: I wanted to gain experience first. I learned some valuable lessons from my previous companies.

Bill: I see. Have you got any more work experience to share?

Asuka: Those two are the most relevant jobs for this interview, sir.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Hitomi worked her way to success **at the expense of** friendship.
2. **At the expense of** the taxpayers, some politicians enjoy a lavish lifestyle.
3. Products from China may be cheap, but the low price comes **at the expense of** quality.

* **at the expense of ~ / ~を犠牲にして**

3. Your Task

You want to make a good impression upon meeting the interviewer (= your tutor). Greet your interviewer in a business-like manner. Give a proper self-introduction, mentioning your educational background, your skills and why you'd like to apply for the position. After the interview, give a proper goodbye, and thank the interviewer in your most professional way.

4. Let's Talk

What is the best way to pass job interviews?

How would you describe your current job?

Are there any jobs you would refuse to do, regardless of the pay?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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