

## Lesson 12: Breaking the Ice

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Hanako and Bob work for Ample Computers. As they enter the elevator, Hanako presses the button for the 8th floor.

Hanako: (Smiles). Which floor are you going to?

Bob: Oh... Please press 14. Thank you.

Hanako: (Pressing 14). What's on the fourteenth floor?

Bob: The Sales and Marketing Department.

Hanako: Aren't you with the I.T. Department? I'm Hanako, by the way. (shakes hands)

Bob: My name's Bob. Yes, I'm from I.T. I need to **take a look at** some computers on the 14th floor.

They have some problems with their computer program.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The company president made a special trip to Malaysia to **take a look at** the new store.
2. **Take a look at** that strange statue.
3. The doctor **took a look at** my swollen eye.

\* **take [have] a look at ~ / ~を(ちらっと)見る**

### 3. Your Task

*It's lunch hour and you are in the office cafeteria. There's a vacant seat at a table. Ask the employee at the table (= you tutor) if you can share the table with him/her. Introduce yourself and start a conversation.*

### 4. Let's Talk

*Is it easy for you to open a conversation? Explain your answer.*

*Do you like getting into a conversation with people you hardly know?*

*Why or why not?*

*Are people becoming less friendly? Explain your answer.*

### 5. Today's photo

*Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.*



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