

Lesson 16: On the Job Training (OJT)

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1. Dialogue

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

Chef Tony is training Kumiko to be his kitchen assistant.

Tony: An assistant cook is an important job in a restaurant. I can't do everything myself in the kitchen.

How long have you been working in restaurant kitchens, Kumiko?

Kumiko: About five years, chef.

Tony: What did you learn about chefs and assistant cooks?

Kumiko: Although the chef is in command, he cannot function efficiently without his assistant. The two of them must communicate well and work in unison.

Tony: Well said. Now that we've defined their relationship, let's move on to one of your tasks, which is prepping ingredients. You're not new to handling fresh produce, cleaning and gutting fish, and slicing meat, are you?

Kumiko: No, sir. I'm very well capable of prepping. I'm looking forward to showing off my knife skills.

Tony: The restaurant will open in a couple of hours. I'd like you on the prepping side tonight. You will peel and chop, but you should also observe, and **familiarize** yourself **with** my cooking methods.

Kumiko: Yes, chef.

Tony: Take note of how everyone communicates to fulfill orders. It is all part of your training.

Kumiko: I got it, chef.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. It's my job to **familiarize** the new employees **with** office procedures.
2. On his first month in Germany, he **familiarized** himself **with** the food, culture and language.
3. The assistant's duties include **familiarizing** the president **with** project developments.

* **familiarize A with B** / AをBに精通させる

3. Your Task

You are training to become a hotel housekeeper. In your opinion, the trainer is not an effective teacher. She doesn't explain things well, and she's always sleepy. Talk to the hotel manager (=your tutor) about it.

4. Let's Talk

What comes into mind when you hear the phrase 'on the job training'? Talk about the advantages of having training. Are you good at training new employees? Why or why not?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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