

Lesson 18: Signing up for a Cell Phone Plan

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1. Dialogue

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

Steven is a sales representative at AT&T (a telecommunications company). He's helping Kumiko decide on a cell phone service plan.

Steven: These are the phones I can recommend for you. I know you are looking for an iPhone, so here are your options (pointing to a large brochure on the table).

Kumiko: I think I'll get this model (pointing to a mobile phone on the brochure).

Steven: As for the mobile service, I would suggest **signing up for** an unlimited plan.

Kumiko: Could you give me the details of this plan?

Steven: For \$165 a month, you will have unlimited minutes for phone calls, you can send as many messages as you'd like, and you will be allowed 20 gigabytes of internet data.

Kumiko: Will I be able to use the minutes for overseas calls?

Steven: I'm afraid that overseas minutes are not included in the plan. There will be separate charges for overseas calls.

Kumiko: Is there a good plan that includes overseas calls?

Steven: There are some discounted call rates to Japan, Kumiko. But you can always use free programs, like Skype, to contact friends and family in Japan.

Kumiko: That makes sense. I'll tell my parents to learn how to use Skype.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Would you like to **sign up for** my book club?
2. George has just **signed up for** military service.
3. I'm **signing up for** a pottery course this summer.

* **sign up for** ~ / (署名して)~に申込む

3. Your Task

You already have a mobile plan but you'd like to change it to a better service plan. Talk to a sales representative (=your tutor) and express why you'd like an upgraded plan. Also, give him/her the following information: the phone model, the number of minutes you would like on your upgraded plan, and any additional services.

4. Let's Talk

What kind of cell phone do you have?

Can you imagine life without the cell phone? Explain your answer.

What is your favorite app on your phone?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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