

Lesson 18: Signing up for a Cell Phone Plan

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1. Dialogue

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

Steve works for AT&T (a telecommunications company). He's been helping Kumiko in choosing a mobile service plan. She has just returned to AT&T's sales office with a decision and the required documents.

Steven: It's nice to see you again, Kumiko. Have you decided on the service plan?

Kumiko: Yes. The unlimited data plan you suggested sounds good. I'd like that plan with an iPhone 6, please.

Steven: No problem. I think I gave you an application form the last time you were here. Have you filled it out?

Kumiko: I have. Also, here's all the ID and other paperwork you asked for.

Steven: Let's see (checking the documents). We've got your company ID and a credit card, a photocopy of your passport and your house contract.

Kumiko: Did I forget anything?

Steven: These will suffice. The next step is to process your application. This might take a while.

In the meantime, would you like to wait in the customers' lounge?

Kumiko: Why don't I just come back for it? I have some errands in town.

Steven: That's a good idea. It'll take me an hour, tops.

Kumiko: Thank you, Steven. You've been a great help. I'll see you later.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The movie starts at 7:00PM. **In the meantime**, why don't we have dinner?
2. My flight was delayed for two hours. So, **in the meantime** I did some last minute shopping at the duty free store.
3. The pies are still in the oven. **In the meantime**, enjoy a glass of wine.

* **in the meantime** / その間に

3. Your Task

You are applying for a mobile phone service. Because you're a foreigner, the sales representative will be asking a lot of questions such as: 1. Your intended length of stay in the U.S., 2 - what company you work for, 3-the duration of your house lease agreement. Inform the sales rep of the service plan you'd like to avail of.

4. Let's Talk

Talk about mobile phone etiquettes with your tutor.

Do you think people are too dependent on their phones?

Explain your answer.

What do you think of the current costs of cell phone plans?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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