

Lesson 19: Opening a Bank Account

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1. Dialogue

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

Ichiro is opening a bank account, and George, the bank employee is assisting him.

Ichiro: I have finished filling out the form.

George: (taking the form from Ichiro) Thank you, sir. Let me check if all the pertinent information is in here.

Ichiro: Did I fill out 'Purpose for opening an account' correctly?

George: You wrote, "To receive salary, pay bills and use for online banking". They're legitimate reasons, sir. Would you like a savings account or a checking account?

Ichiro: As long as I can access the account online, a savings account will do fine. It's easy to **keep track of** my money transactions online.

George: Everything seems to be in order in your form. Now, I'm going to need a proof of identification, such as your passport and company ID. Also, there's an initial deposit of \$50 for new accounts.

Ichiro: I can provide them all now. I've got all the ID here. (handing it over)

George: Processing won't take long, sir. It's just a matter of putting your information in the computer. It'll just take a few minutes.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Are you good at **keeping track of** how you spend your money?
2. Scientists **keep track of** endangered species by implanting a GPS device on the animals.
3. I installed a camera in my shop to **keep track of** my business while I'm away.

* **keep track of ~ / ~の経過を追う、記録を付ける**

3. Your Task

You would like to open a bank account. You are talking to a bank employee and you'd like to make sure that this is the right bank for you. Ask the employee (=your tutor) 1 -how many branches they have in the city, 2 – if they have online banking, 3 – if you can pay utility bills through the bank 4 – if they open on weekends.

4. Let's Talk

How should banks treat their clients? Explain your answer.

What banking services do you usually use?

What do you do to pass the time while waiting at the bank?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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