

## Lesson 21: Socializing with Colleagues

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Hitomi has been working at Star Laboratories for a week. Jean, a colleague, has invited her to a BBQ party at her home on Sunday.

Hitomi: Hi, Jean! Nice day for a BBQ, isn't it? Thanks for inviting me today.

Jean: My pleasure! How was your first week at Star Labs? Are you doing alright?

Hitomi: I've met most of the researchers at the lab. **As for** my boss, he's still at a conference in Sweden.

Jean: How do you find your colleagues?

Hitomi: They are very kind and helpful. I'm learning a lot from them. I'm going to get some drinks. What would you like to have?

Jean: I will have some more beer. Thanks, Hitomi!

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. A: How are your parents doing?

B: My dad's still working. **As for** my mom, she retired last year.

2. I'm donating some of my books to a public school. **As for** my computer, you can have it.

3. Business is doing very well. **As for** my family, they're all busy with their own careers.

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### 3. Your Task

*You are new at work. A colleague (=your tutor) has invited you for dinner at his/her house. Accept this invitation and thank your colleague. You have just moved to the city so ask for directions to your colleague's house.*

### 4. Let's Talk

*How do you make friends at work?*

*How often do you go out with co-workers? Explain your answer.*

*Do you have a good friend at work? Tell your tutor about him/her.*

### 5. Today's photo

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



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