

Lesson 21: Socializing with Colleagues

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1. Dialogue

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

Hitomi is a new employee at Star Laboratories. She and her colleagues are in a local pub enjoying some drinks.

Hitomi: This looks like a fun place. Do you hang out here a lot?

Jean: We usually come here on Fridays, right after work. Here come Scott and Hank. (looking at the approaching co-workers)

Hitomi: Hi, guys! Thanks for inviting me to hang out. The first round is on me.

Scott: Thanks, Hitomi. How is it working with Dr. McCoy?

Hitomi: Dr. McCoy's ideas are mind-blowing. I still have a lot to learn. Thanks for all your help, by the way. I wouldn't have found my way around the lab without you.

Scott: No problem. Dr. McCoy placed me **in charge of** your training. I'm just doing my job.

Hitomi: You haven't got a drink, Hank. What would you like?

Hank: Oh, no. I'm fine. I'm not really a drinker. I just enjoy the band music.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Mr. Tanaka is **in charge of** the accounting department.
2. My grandmother is **in charge of** the food every time there's a family reunion.
3. Mr. Johnson put me **in charge of** organizing the company seminar.

* **in charge of** ~ / ~を担当して

3. Your Task

You are new at work. It's Friday, and you've decided to invite your colleagues to join you for some drinks. You have just moved to the city so you ask a colleague (=your tutor) where your co-workers hang out on a Friday night. Next, ask this colleague to join you for some drinks tonight.

4. Let's Talk

Do you always get invitations from colleagues? Tell your tutor about it. What are the good and bad things about socializing with colleagues? What do you usually talk about with your colleagues?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

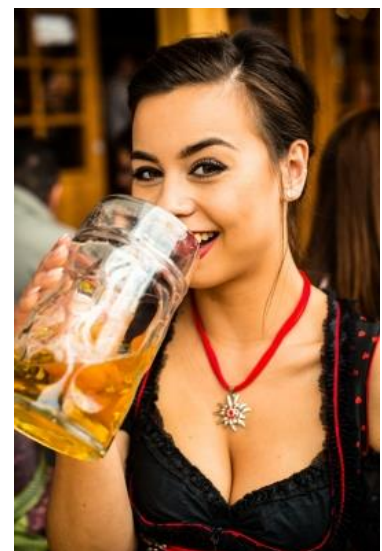


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