

Lesson 31: Asking for Help from Your Colleague

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1. Dialogue

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

Ichiro is asking George to help him with the sales report.

Ichiro: I was wondering if you could help me with the sales report.

George: Sure. Let me see that. (Taking a document from Ichiro)

Ichiro: I am not sure if I have written it in the correct format.

George: I think there are a few mistakes. I'll work on them right away.

Ichiro: I need the report by 3:00PM today. Do you have time to finish it by then?

George: Don't worry. I can finish it in a few minutes. You can always **depend on** me.

Ichiro: I really appreciate your help, George.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. George **depends on** his father for money.
2. A: Can we go hiking this Sunday?
B: It **depends on** the weather.
3. I can always **depend on** my family when I need help.

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3. Your Task

You are a new employee. There are a lot of things you don't know about the office. Ask one of your co-workers (=your tutor) for help. Ask him/her for information about: 1) the dress code in the office, 2) where they usually eat lunch, 3) how to use the copying machine. Politely ask these questions, and don't forget to thank your co-worker for his/her help.

4. Let's Talk

Do you often ask for help from your colleagues? Why or why not?

When was the last time you asked for help in the office? Tell your tutor about it.

Is it proper to ask for monetary help from your colleagues? Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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