

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 for help with a business presentation.

George: Hi, Ichiro. How's it going?

Ichiro: I've been very busy but I'm doing well. Could you spare a minute? I'd like to ask for your help on something.

George: Sure. What's it about?

Ichiro: I need to make a presentation on Wednesday but I'm not **confident about** my English skills.

George: How can I help?

Ichiro: I'd like to show you my presentation and get some constructive criticism from you.

George: No problem. Why don't you come by at 4:00PM? We'll work on it then.

Ichiro: That's great. Thanks a lot, George.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The president **is** very **confident of (about)** the newly launched smartphone.
2. How can you **be confident of (about)** the economy when the stock market is crashing?
3. I'm starting to **feel confident of (about)** my negotiation skills.

* **be confident of [about]** ~ / ~に自信がある、~を確信している

3. Your Task

You are a new employee and you have just moved to the city. Your computer has broken down and it needs to be repaired. Ask your co-worker where you can take your PC for repairs. Also, ask him/her if you could borrow his/her PC for ten minutes. Be polite in asking, and don't forget to thank your co-worker for his/her help.

4. Let's Talk

What is the proper way to ask for help in Japan?

Who do you often ask for help? Explain your answer.

Is it easy to get some help in your office? Tell your tutor about it.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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