

## Lesson 31: Asking for Help from Your Colleague

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Ichiro has asked George to help him on a project. Ichiro is explaining the situation to George.

Ichiro: Hi, George. Are you busy?

George: No, not at all. What's up?

Ichiro: I was assigned to create a marketing plan for the new smartphone. Mr. Lucas hasn't liked my ideas so far. I've already presented two proposals but he's rejected them both.

George: I'm sorry to hear that. Mr. Lucas can be tough to please sometimes.

Ichiro: My deadline is tomorrow, and I'm **running short of** time. Could you help me come up with a marketing plan?

George: You're in luck because I'm not busy today. Let's get working.

Ichiro: Thanks, George! I wouldn't know what to do if you said no.

George: Anytime!

Ichiro: When this project is over, I'll take you out for a steak and beer.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. I'm **running short of** ideas for this project.
2. Environmentalists are saying that the planet is **running short of** fossil fuel.
3. What would you do if you **ran short of** money?

\* **run short of ~** / ~使い尽くす、~が不足する

### 3. Your Task

You are new in the office. You have just written a report for your boss. It's your first time to make a report, and you're not sure if you had done it properly. Ask your co-worker (=your tutor) to check your work. While you're talking to your co-worker, ask him/her for advice on how you can work more efficiently in the office.

### 4. Let's Talk

What kind of help do you most often ask for in the office?

Explain your answer.

Is it easy for you to ask for help from anyone? Why or why not?

What are the dos and don'ts when asking for help?

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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