

Lesson 33: Reporting Office Equipment Trouble

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1. Dialogue

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

Jimmy is the technician at Akemi's company. Akemi is telling him about an air conditioner that has broken down.

Akemi: Hi, Jimmy. Are you busy?

Jimmy: Not really. What's up?

Akemi: The air conditioner on the third floor **broke down** again.

Jimmy: Are you sure? It was just fixed last week.

Akemi: It was working fine yesterday. But it won't turn on this morning.

Jimmy: I'll call the service center. Thanks for reporting it.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Jack's car **broke down** again.
2. The printer keeps **breaking down**. We need to buy a new one.
3. The elevator **broke down** so I had to use the stairs.

* **break down** / 故障する、壊れる

3. Your Task

You want to use the copying machine but it's not working well. You can turn it on, but it's not making copies. Call the technician (=your tutor). Tell him/her what happened to the copying machine when you tried to use it.

4. Let's Talk

What office equipment do you often use? Tell your tutor about it.

What do you do when there's a problem with the equipment in your office?

Do you try to fix it by yourself? Why or why not?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

