

## Lesson 39: Setting Personal and Departmental Goals

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Miho works as a researcher at Star Laboratories. One of her bosses is Ms. Carter.

Ms. Carter: I'd like to talk about your professional goals for this year.

Miho: I would like to finish my research on alternative medicine. I plan to complete the job in two months.

Ms. Carter: Is there anything you'd like to accomplish for the research department?

Miho: I've been meaning to talk to you about the old research papers. I saw them in boxes in the stock room. Some of them are over twenty years old.

Ms. Carter: Hmm, what about them?

Miho: I'd like to **dedicate** some of my time **to** organizing the old research papers. I want to save the information in our computers.

Ms. Carter: I see. They could be useful for our future research. But it sounds like a lot of work.

Miho: I'll talk to my team about it. It would serve as our departmental goal. What do you say, Ms. Carter?

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The scientist **dedicated** his career **to** finding a cure to cancer.
2. The nation **dedicated** a monument **to** the war heroes.
3. The author **dedicated** the book **to** his parents.

\* **dedicate A to B** / A(一生などを)をB(目的など)にささげる

### 3. Your Task

You work as a school librarian. You've noticed that the books are not well organized. Often, the students can't find what they're looking for. Some books are torn and too old to use. There are also many unreturned books. Talk to the school principal (=your tutor). Tell her about the problems in the library. Set some goals you would like to achieve for the improvement of the library.

### 4. Let's Talk

Why is it important to set business goals?  
 What are the dos and don'ts of setting goals at work?  
 How do you encourage yourself to accomplish your goals?

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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