

Lesson 41: Getting a Promotion

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1. Dialogue

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

Mr. Taylor needs a new Area Manager in San Diego, to oversee the operation of the new stores. He's thinking that Yuki might be the right person for the job.

Mr. Taylor: The construction of the new stores in San Diego is almost finished.

Yuki: Congratulations, sir.

Mr. Taylor: Would you consider moving to San Diego?

Yuki: I think I could do that. It's close to the beach, and it's only three hours' drive from here.

Mr. Taylor: Yuki, how long have you been working for our company?

Yuki: It's been 7 years since I started, sir.

Mr. Taylor: What have you learned in all those years?

Yuki: I have learned how the store operates, sir. I've experienced pretty much everything. I've purchased supplies, checked merchandise, processed orders and delivered them, too.

Mr. Taylor: That's what I thought. Your experience and dedication are valuable to the company. I'm offering you a promotion, Yuki. How would you like to be the Area Manager for our San Diego stores?

Yuki: Thank you very much, sir. I wasn't expecting to be promoted, but I accept the offer. When can I assume the position?

Mr. Taylor: Your promotion will **take effect** immediately. You'll be heading to San Diego tomorrow.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Drink this medicine. It should **take effect** in a few minutes.
2. The liquor ban will **take effect** at 6:00PM today.
3. All salary increases will **take effect** in January.

* **take effect** / (法律などが)効力を生じる、(薬などが)効く

3. Your Task

Your boss (=your tutor) is offering you a promotion. The new position entails a lot of responsibilities, and you have to move to another city. You have many responsibilities at home, and you can't move to another city because of your aging parents. Talk to your boss, and politely turn down the promotion. Thank him for considering you for the job.

4. Let's Talk

What strategies have you used in the past in order to get a promotion?

What is the highest position that you can possibly attain in your company?

Do you plan to go for it?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of getting a promotion?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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