

Lesson 42: Welcoming a New Colleague

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1. Dialogue

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

Hitomi is showing Steve, the new employee, around Star Laboratories. She's trying to make him feel comfortable on his first day by asking him about his past job.

Hitomi: Hello. Are you the new researcher?

Steve: Yes. I am. My name's Steve.

Hitomi: (shakes hands with Steve) Welcome to Star Labs. I'm Hitomi. Dr. McCoy asked me to show you around, and introduce you to our colleagues.

Steve: I'd appreciate that very much.

Hitomi: Where did you work before coming to Star Labs?

Steve: I was with Hydra Corp. I worked there for three years.

Hitomi: What did you **specialize in**?

Steve: My research was about bio-fuel.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Mr. Lee **specializes in** classical literature.
2. Do you know any doctor who **specializes in** muscle pain?
3. This restaurant **specializes in** French cuisine.

* **specialize in ~ / ~を専門にする、専攻する**

3. Your Task

There's a new employee (=your tutor) in your company. You will be hanging out with your colleagues at a karaoke bar tonight. In a friendly manner, invite the new employee to join you.

4. Let's Talk

How would you make a new colleague feel welcome?

What kind of information would you want to know about a new employee?

Is it easy for you to strike up a conversation with a new employee?

Why or why not?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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