

## Lesson 44: Honoring a Retiring Worker at a Ceremony

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Mr. Smith is retiring and it's his last day at work. The office is holding a ceremony for his retirement. Everyone in the office wants to greet him on this memorable day.

Makoto: Mr. Smith, good luck on your retirement.

Mr. Smith: Thank you, Makoto.

Makoto: How does it feel to be retiring?

Mr. Smith: It feels **as if** I won the lottery.

Makoto: The office won't be the same without you, Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith: That's very nice of you to say.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. They looked at me **as if** I was crazy.
2. The wind was so strong. It was **as if** I was going to be blown away.
3. Jack called but I couldn't hear him clearly. He sounded **as if** he had some good news for me.

\* **as if [though]** ~ / まるで[あたかも]~かのように

### 3. Your Task

*Your co-worker (=your tutor) is retiring, and today is his last day at work. When you were new in the company, he taught you a lot of things.*

*Thank him for all his help and wish him good luck on his retirement.*

### 4. Let's Talk

*In your company, how do you celebrate somebody's retirement?*

*Do you think 65 years old is a good age for retirement? Why do you say so?*

### 5. Today's photo

*Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.*



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