

Lesson 48: Mergers and Acquisitions

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1. Dialogue

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

Kumiko and Jack work for Hydra Computers. Hydra is going to acquire ABC Company.

Kumiko: Is it true that Hydra Computers is going to buy ABC Company?

Jack: Yes, it's true.

Kumiko: Is it a good move for Hydra Computers?

Jack: I think so. **According to** Hydra's president, it's time for the company to expand its services.

Kumiko: When will they announce the acquisition?

Jack: It will be on the news tomorrow.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. **According to** the weather forecast, it will be warm and sunny tomorrow.
2. **According to** the map, we should turn left at the next corner.
3. She did everything **according to** the rules.

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3. Your Task

You are a company executive. Your company is merging with another company, and there's a rumor that some employees will lose their jobs. Talk to your employees (=your tutor) about this. Tell them not to worry. Promise them that they can keep their jobs.

4. Let's Talk

What do you understand about "mergers and acquisitions"?

Talk about a merger or acquisition between companies that you know of.

What are the good things about a business merger and acquisition?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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