

Lesson 49: Bankruptcy

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1. Dialogue

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

Naoki works as a store manager for a big food chain called Mac Doughnut. He's talking to Alex about the company's bankruptcy.

Naoki: I need to look for a new job.

Alex: Why? I thought you were doing well at Mac Doughnut.

Naoki: I have not received my salary for two months now. Yesterday, I heard that the company is filing for bankruptcy.

Alex: I can't believe it. Your company has 300 branches all over Japan.

Naoki: My boss said that there was a significant drop in sales after the company's reputation had gone sour.

Alex: The company was sued for false advertisements, right?

Naoki: Yes. Mac Doughnut spent a lot of money on lawsuits. It was also involved in a food scandal last year, remember?

Alex: **It's no wonder** Mac Doughnut has gone bankrupt.

Naoki: The company president gave a press conference this morning. He said that Mac Doughnut will continue to operate in the midst of bankruptcy. But I'm going to look for another job.

Alex: I would do the same thing if I were you.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. **It's no wonder** you've lost weight so quickly. You've been starving yourself for days.
2. **It's no wonder** that your plant died. You watered it too much.
3. **No wonder** the company's president is upset. Sales have dropped by 60% this month.

* **It is no wonder (that) ~ / ~**は少しも不思議ではない、~なのは当たり前

3. Your Task

Your company has incurred a lot of debt and it is now on the verge of bankruptcy. You decided to talk to your business partners (=your tutor) about it. Explain the causes of the financial problem, which are: 1) low sales for the past two years, 2) high operational costs, 3) a bad economy.

Ask them for advice on what to do to avoid bankruptcy.

4. Let's Talk

What are the advantages and disadvantages of filing for bankruptcy?

What would you do if your company went bankrupt?

Is it a good idea to declare bankruptcy?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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