

Lesson 50: Reporting Your Tardiness

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1. Dialogue

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

Kazuya was late for work again. His boss, Mr. Harris, is talking to him about it.

Mr. Harris: I noticed that you came in late today.

Kazuya: That's right, sir.

Mr. Harris: You were also late yesterday. That's twice **in a row**.

Kazuya: I'm really sorry. I won't let it happen again.

Mr. Harris: You're usually early for work. What has happened to you?

Kazuya: I moved to a new apartment. It's quite far from the office. I'm still adjusting to the distance.

Mr. Harris: I see. I'll let it go this time. But please don't be late again.

Kazuya: Thank you, Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris: You're a good employee, Kazuya. I'd hate to impose disciplinary action on you.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. He won first prize in a talent show three years **in a row**.
2. The children sat **in a row** and eagerly listened to the teacher's story.
3. I haven't had a good sleep for two nights **in a row**.

* **in a row** / 1列に、連続して

3. Your Task

Your office mate is always late for work, but your boss doesn't know about it. There were times when you couldn't finish your work right away because of your co-worker's tardiness. You also think it's not fair that he comes to work late. Talk to your boss (=your tutor) about that. Suggest some disciplinary action for his frequent tardiness.

4. Let's Talk

Is 'waking up late' an acceptable reason for being late? Why do you say so?

What happens if you are late for work?

Talk about the times when you came to work late. What did your boss say to you?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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