

Lesson 50: Reporting Your Tardiness

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1. Dialogue

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

Kazuya arrived late for work. Now, his boss Mr. Harris, is asking him about it.

Mr. Harris: You're an hour late, Kazuya.

Kazuya: I'm really sorry. My car broke down in the middle of Washington Avenue.

Mr. Harris: I see.

Kazuya: I couldn't just leave it there. So I called the towing company. It took them 30 minutes to arrive.

Mr. Harris: Where's your car now?

Kazuya: The towing company has taken it to a mechanic. I'm going to swing by the repair shop after work.

Mr. Harris: I understand now. You should have called the office though and advised us of your predicament.

Kazuya: You're right, sir. Again, I apologize for the situation.

Mr. Harris: Your tardiness **caused** me **to** cancel the staff meeting. Please tell your co-workers that we can resume the meeting after lunch.

Kazuya: Thank you for your understanding, Mr. Harris.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Political unrest **caused** many companies **to** pull out of the country.
2. The typhoon **caused** the residents **to** evacuate the island.
3. The war **caused** millions of Syrians **to** seek refuge in other countries.

* **cause A to do** / Aに~させる

3. Your Task

You work as a manager. One of the employees (=your tutor) has a habit of coming to work late. You've decided to talk to him, and give him a warning. Inform him of the disciplinary action for frequent tardiness. Tell him that if he's late one more time, it may result in losing his job.

4. Let's Talk

Is traffic a valid reason for being late? Why do you say so?

Does your office implement disciplinary action for delinquent employees? Tell your tutor all about it.

Is it okay for business owners/company presidents to be late for work? Why or why not?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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