

## Lesson 51: Taking Sick Leave

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Naoki is sick and can't go to work today. He is talking to his boss on the phone.

Naoki: Hello, Mr. Taylor. I'm afraid I can't come to work today.

Mr. Taylor: What's the matter?

Naoki: I have a terrible cold, sir.

Mr. Taylor: I see. Thank you for calling about it.

Naoki: I'm really sorry to **be absent from** work.

Mr. Taylor: I hope you'll feel better tomorrow.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Jack **was absent from** class today.
2. Please don't **be absent from** work tomorrow.
3. Why **were** you **absent from** the meeting?

\* **be absent from** ~ / ~を欠席[欠勤]している

### 3. Your Task

You have a doctor's appointment tomorrow. Inform your boss that you're going to be absent from work. Explain the reason for needing sick leave.

### 4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you took sick leave? Tell your tutor about it.

Do you call your office when you can't go to work? Why or why not?

Talk about the rules for taking sick leave in your company.

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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