

Lesson 51: Taking Sick Leave

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1. Dialogue

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

Naoki is taking a leave from work tomorrow. He's telling Mr. Taylor about it.

Naoki: I already finished the report you needed, sir.

Mr. Taylor: Actually, that's not due until tomorrow.

Naoki: I won't be coming to work tomorrow so I had to do it today.

Mr. Taylor: Can I ask why?

Naoki: I have an appointment with my dentist. I've had this severe toothache for a week now.

Mr. Taylor: I see. Then just make sure you finish all the important tasks today.

Naoki: I will, Mr. Taylor. I promise to be back to work on Wednesday.

Mr. Taylor: It's alright. You **deserve to** take some leave. You've been working very hard lately.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. I've been on a diet for a month. I think I **deserve to** have a slice of pie today.

2. A: Jack's being promoted to senior manager.

B: That's good news. He **deserves to** get that promotion.

3. The team trained hard for the game. They **deserve to** win.

* **deserve to ~ / ~するに値する**(ふさわしい、権利がある)

3. Your Task

You had stomach flu and you couldn't work for two days. You are back at the office now, and your boss (=your tutor) wants to know why you were not at work. Give a good explanation for your absence.

4. Let's Talk

Should employees apologize for not being able to work due to medical reasons?

Why do you say so?

How many times have you been absent from work because of sickness? Tell your tutor all about it.

Does your company ask for a medical certificate whenever you take sick leave?

Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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