

## Lesson 51: Taking Sick Leave

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Naoki couldn't report to work for two days because he's been sick. He's talking to his boss about it.

Mr. Taylor: How have you been, Naoki?

Naoki: I've been very sick, sir. I'm sorry I haven't been at work for the past two days.

Mr. Taylor: You don't have to apologize. You're entitled to take sick leave once in a while.

Naoki: Thank you for understanding, sir.

Mr. Taylor: Are you feeling better?

Naoki: Well, the truth is I'm still nauseous.

Mr. Taylor: Why did you come to work, then?

Naoki: I have to finish a report. You told me that you needed it by tomorrow.

Mr. Taylor: As soon as you finish it, you have my permission to go home. You don't look well.

Naoki: Thank you, sir. I'll get on with my work now.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The judge decided that I was entitled to receive compensation for the damages.
2. A long time ago, women were not entitled to vote.
3. I'm sorry but you're not entitled to use this parking space. It is reserved for the company executives.

\* be entitled to ~ / ~する資格[権利]がある

### 3. Your Task

You are the manager of a store. You noticed that one of the staff (=your tutor) has already taken far too much sick leave, yet he hasn't shown any medical certificates. Politely ask him to explain his absences. Next, tell him that he has no more sick leave and any further absences will be deducted from his salary.

### 4. Let's Talk

Would you report for work if you had 1) a cold 2) a headache 3) diarrhea? Explain your answers.

If you were the manager, what would you do if you saw that an employee was sick while at work? Explain your answer.

In your opinion, how many days of sick leave should you be entitled to? Explain your answer.

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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