

Lesson 52: Applying for a Paid Holiday

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1. Dialogue

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

Ichiro would like to take a paid holiday. He is talking to his boss about it.

Ichiro: Sir, I was wondering if I could take some holiday.

Mr. Brown: When were you thinking of taking it?

Ichiro: Next week, from Monday to Wednesday.

Mr. Brown: Are there no important business events next week?

Ichiro: I checked our schedule, sir. We're not so busy **these days**.

Mr. Brown: Okay, no problem. You may take vacation days then.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. I don't see Peter very often **these days**.
2. **These days**, children don't play outside anymore.
3. There are many social problems **these days**.

* **these days** / この頃、近頃(は)

3. Your Task

You are the manager of a store. One of your staff is asking if he could take a paid holiday. The store is really busy this month. Tell him that you need his help, and suggest he takes his vacation next month.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you had a paid holiday? How did you spend it?

How many paid holidays do you get each year? Do you think it's enough? Why do you say so? Why is it important for workers to take a break from work?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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