

Lesson 52: Applying for a Paid Holiday

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1. Dialogue

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

Ichiro has applied for paid holiday leave but his boss, Mr. Brown is explaining why he can't approve Ichiro's request.

Ichiro: You wanted to talk to me, Mr. Brown?

Mr. Brown: Yes, Ichiro. It's about your request for holiday leave. I'm afraid I can't approve it.

Ichiro: Can I ask why?

Mr. Brown: Our American clients are coming on the 15th of next month. Unfortunately, it's the same date as your requested holiday.

Ichiro: I understand.

Mr. Brown: I don't **mean to** ruin your vacation plans, Ichiro. However, I'm going to need your help with the American clients.

Ichiro: No problem. I'll just postpone my vacation, sir.

Mr. Brown: Thank you for your cooperation.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. I'm sorry. I didn't **mean to** step on your cat.

2. A: Did you read my e-mail?

B: I'm sorry but I haven't read it. I **meant to** read it this morning but I was really busy.

3. I **meant to** go running this morning but I got up late.

* **mean to ~** / ~するつもりである

3. Your Task

You have not taken a vacation for a year, so you've decided to use your paid holiday. Your boss has turned down your holiday request. Ask your boss (=your tutor) about it. He will tell you that you will be needed in the office that day. Convince your boss that you really need to take a vacation.

4. Let's Talk

How do you plan to spend this year's paid holiday?

Talk about the long holidays in Japan.

What happens if you don't use up your paid holiday?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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