

## Lesson 52: Applying for a Paid Holiday

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Ichiro cannot take anymore paid holiday leave because he has used up all his annual entitlement. His boss, Mr. Brown, is talking to him about it.

Mr. Brown: I want to talk to you about your request for paid leave.

Ichiro: What about it, Mr. Brown?

Mr. Brown: You've used up all your paid leave. Also, you've been absent from work three times this month.

Ichiro: I didn't realize that.

Mr. Brown: As your boss, I have to **warn** you **about** the consequences of your actions. You will lose your job if you keep doing this.

Ichiro: I've been looking after my sick mother. That's why I've been absent from work.

Mr. Brown: I'm sorry to hear that. I understand now. But I can't approve your request.

Ichiro: Yes, sir. Thank you for talking to me about it.

Mr. Brown: I hope your mother gets better soon.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The government **warned** the residents **about** the strong typhoon.
2. His friends **warned** him **about** the dangers of drug use.
3. During a flight, it's the pilot's job to **warn** the passengers **of** possible turbulence.

\* **warn A of [about] B** / AにB(危険など)を警告する

### 3. Your Task

*You are about to spend a week in Hawaii with your family. But your boss (=your tutor) has just told you that you have to postpone your vacation because something important has come up, and he needs you in the office.*

*Politely explain the following points to your boss: 1) your flight and hotel rooms have already been paid for, 2) your family is looking forward to this vacation, 3) your wife took leave from her work too, 4) you applied for this vacation leave 6 months ago.*

### 4. Let's Talk

*Why do requests for vacation leave sometimes get turned down?*

*What is your ideal vacation leave?*

*Is it a good idea to convert unspent paid leave into cash?*

*Why or why not?*

### 5. Today's photo

*Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.*



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