

Lesson 53: Resignation

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1. Dialogue

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

Akemi received a job offer from another company and she's decided to accept it. She's talking to her boss, Mr. Holmes, about her resignation.

Akemi: I would like to inform you that I'm resigning.

Mr. Holmes: I see. Can I ask why?

Akemi: I have an opportunity to move into financial consultancy. ABC Bank has offered me a position.

Mr. Holmes: Is it a step up in your career?

Akemi: I'm not sure if it is. But I've always wanted to be a financial consultant. Also, to be honest, I think I've stopped growing in this company.

Mr. Holmes: I'm sorry that you see it that way.

Akemi: Here's my letter of resignation. The manager said that I'm obliged to notify you two weeks before my last day of work.

Mr. Holmes: Well, thank you for informing us. But I have to ask you to stay for another month so I can find someone to take over your tasks.

Akemi: I think that could be arranged.

Mr. Holmes: I'm not happy about your resignation. But if it will further your career, then I wish you luck. I hope our paths cross again.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Public hospitals **are obliged to** admit all patients for emergency treatment.
2. Toyota **was obliged to** recall all cars with faulty airbags.
3. As the eldest child, she **was obliged to** look after her siblings.

* **be obliged to ~** / ~する義務がある、~せざるを得ない

3. Your Task

You have just informed your boss that you are resigning. Your boss (=your tutor) wasn't pleased about this. He's offered you a salary increase and a promotion if you stay with the company. How would you respond to your boss' offer?

4. Let's Talk

What are the factors that would make you quit a job?

What's your opinion about people who can't stay in a company for a long period of time?

If you were receiving a high salary, but your boss was really mean, would you quit or stay? Why?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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