

Lesson 60: Inventory

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1. Dialogue

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

Kumiko works for a small shop that sells gadgets and computers. She has just done the inventory. She is talking to her boss about it.

Kumiko: Here's the inventory of our stock, sir.
Mr. Jackson: Are these numbers accurate?
Kumiko: Yes. I counted the items myself.
Mr. Jackson: It looks like we still have a lot of Hydra tablets and smart phones in stock.
Kumiko: They've not been selling very well.
Mr. Jackson: We only have five iPhone units on hand. We should order more.
Kumiko: I agree. They're in high demand.
Mr. Jackson: What has become of our orders from Ample Computers?
Kumiko: We're expecting delivery next week, sir.

2. Today's Phrase

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

- 1. Look at this old high school photo! I wonder what has become of my classmates.
- 2. Do you know what has become of grandpa's old boat?
- 3. What has become of Mr. Lee? I haven't heard from him since he retired.

* What has become of A? / Aはどうなったのだろうか?、Aに何が起きたのだろうか?

3. Your Task

You've been counting the items in the stock room. You noticed that most of the boxes were empty, and there's a lot of trash in the stock room too. Furthermore, the whole area smells like cat poop. Inform your boss (=your tutor) about the situation in the stockroom. Give him suggestions on how to keep the stock room clean.

4. Let's Talk

What do you think about when you hear the word "inventory"? What are the do's and don'ts when making an inventory?

In your company, what are some of the items included in the inventory?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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