

Lesson 64: Warranty

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1. Dialogue

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

Takeshi is an office clerk at Ample, Inc. The Zeroks copier in the office has broken down. The company has a warranty for the copying machine. Takeshi is on the phone talking to a Zeroks employee.

Bob: Thank you for calling Zerocks Repairs and Maintenance Department. This is Bob. How can I help you?

Takeshi: Hello, Bob. I'm Takeshi. I'm calling about the copier in our office. It has broken down.

Bob: I see. Does your company have a warranty for the copier?

Takeshi: Yes, we do and I have the warranty certificate. Would you like to get the reference number?

Bob: That would be very helpful. What's the number?

Takeshi: It's 998-575-5780 under the name of Ample, Inc.

Bob: I have your record in the computer. What seems to be the problem with your copier?

Takeshi: It's not making copies. Could you send someone today?

Bob: Thank you for the information, Takeshi. I will assign one of our staff to repair your machine right away.

2. Today's Phrase

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

- 1. Mr. Lee assigned Jack to organize the Christmas party.
- 2. I assigned my students to clean up in the classroom.
- 3. Why did you assign the new clerk to do the inventory?

* assign A to ~ / Aを~する任務・仕事に配属する(割り当てる、任命する)

3. Your Task

You are looking for some new air conditioners for your office. Your prefer air conditioners that: 1) are made in Japan 2) are eco-friendly 3) have a 3-year warranty. You are now on the phone with the sales manager (=your tutor) of an appliance store. Tell her what kind of air conditioners you're looking for. She will tell you that they only offer a one-year warranty. Explain why it's important to have a long-term warranty for the air conditioners. Thank the manager, and politely end the conversation.

4. Let's Talk

Have you ever used warranty services to repair any of your electronic devices? Tell your tutor about it.

Is it a good idea to keep receipts or warranty certificates? Why? Are you able to keep them?

What are some products that must have a warranty?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

