Lesson 96:   Appreciation 1 (Thanking a Colleague)

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1. Dialogue

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

Ken was given an urgent assignment by his boss. He is now talking to his co-worker, Sam, about it.

Ken: Hello, Sam. Are you busy?

Sam: Not really. Do you need help with anything?

Ken: Yes, I do. Mr. Lee has just asked me to make a Power Point presentation of the new products.
    He wants to see it tomorrow morning.

Sam: That's a lot of work!

Ken: I know. I still have to take a photo of each product, and write a description for each one.

Sam: Well, why don't you start on the description and I'll take the photos?

Ken: Thanks for your help, Sam. You've just made my day.

Sam: No problem!

Ken: Once we're done, let's grab some dinner. It's my treat.

Sam: You don't have to do that. (smiling)Hmmm, but I'd be very happy with a steak dinner.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The book I ordered from Amazon has arrived! It's really made my day.
2. Jack, it would really make my day if you could finish the report I asked for.
3. Mr. Lee is getting promoted. The news made his day.

* make one's day / （人）を幸せにする、（人の一日を）幸せな日にする

3. Your Task

You are the organizer of your company's exhibition. You are now at the exhibit and your boss is on the stage. She is welcoming everyone to the party, and she's also thanking you for organizing everything. She asks you to come up on stage to give a little speech. It's your chance to thank your co-workers for helping you organize the event, and to thank your boss for giving you the opportunity to expand your skills in this project. Tell your tutor what you're going to say in your speech.

4. Let's Talk

Have you ever received a thank you gift?
Tell your tutor about it.
In your opinion, what is the best way of showing your appreciation to your co-worker?
How does your boss express his appreciation to the employees in your company?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.