

Lesson 98: Appreciation 3 (Honoring an Excellent Employee in a Ceremony)

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1. Dialogue

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

Mr. Nakamura is the presenter of the Employee of the Year Award at a company ceremony. He is announcing this year's awardee, Daniel.

Mr. Nakamura: Employee of the Year Award goes to Mr. Daniel Craig this year. I'd like to ask Daniel to come up on the stage to accept the award.

(Daniel walks to the stage while the audience applauds.)

Daniel: I'm very honored to receive this award.

Mr. Nakamura: Daniel Craig has done a lot for the company. In the past year alone, he was able to expand our business to New York, Dubai and Germany.

(The audience applauds again.)

Mr. Nakamura: Tell us, Daniel, what's your motivation for success?

Daniel: It's quite simple, really. I get inspiration from my team, my family, and my mentor in the company, Mr. Nakamura.

Mr. Nakamura: I wasn't expecting you to **compliment** me **on** my mentorship. That's very kind of you to say.

Daniel: I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my team. Thank you for your invaluable support.

Mr. Nakamura: Apart from this award, we are also presenting you with a gift certificate worth \$5,000. It's a token of our appreciation for all your hard work this year.

Daniel: Thank you very much, sir.

Mr. Nakamura: Congratulations, Daniel!

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Mr. Lee **complimented** his team **on** a job well done.
2. President Obama **complimented** the American soldiers **on** their dedication to the country.
3. Mr. Yamada was pleased with Jack's work, and he **complimented** him **on** it.

* **compliment A on ~** / ~についてAを褒める

3. Your Task

You are at the company's year-end party. Your mentor is retiring, and you are presenting him with a Loyalty Award. This is your chance to thank him. You are now on stage, and everyone is ready to listen to your short speech. Tell the audience how happy you are to be presenting the award to your mentor. Talk about his good character and professionalism, and mention the lessons you learned from him. Ask your mentor to come up to the stage to receive the award.

4. Let's Talk

Talk about your significant contributions to your company.

Has your boss complimented you on your work?

What does the boss expect to happen after giving recognition to an employee in a ceremony?

How would you like to be appreciated: in a public ceremony attended by many employees, or in private but meaningful conversation? Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

