

LESSON TRANSCRIPT

Lower Intermediate S1 #1

Making an Appointment: Part 1

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INTRODUCTION

Chihiro: Hi everyone, Chihiro here.

Daniel: Daniel here. Making an Appointment – Part 1.

Daniel: In this lesson you will learn how to arrange a friendly meeting.

Chihiro: This conversation takes place on the telephone.

Daniel: The conversation is between two friends, Joey and Mike.

Chihiro: The speakers will be speaking casually.

Daniel: Let's listen to the conversation.

DIALOGUE

Joey: Hello.

Mike: Hey, Joey. This is Mike.

Joey: Hey, Mike. How's it going? Haven't seen you in a while.

Mike: Yeah, I've been busy with work. But I have some time this week. Do you want to grab lunch either Wednesday or Thursday?

Joey: Sure. Wednesday works for me.

Mike: Sounds good. Can we meet at twelve-thirty?

Joey: How about twelve-fifteen?

Mike: Sure.

Joey: Okay. See you then.

Mike: See ya.

POST CONVERSATION BANTER

Chihiro: Mmm, sounds like they're going to have a typical lunch break... a fast one!

Daniel: Yup, lunch break for people who work is usually quick and casual. For this reason, restaurants in business districts who cater to this crowd are very quick with their service.

Chihiro: People are usually finished in more or less than hour and they go back to work. Fast foods are also a popular choice for many, since they can just grab their lunch and go.

VOCAB LIST

Daniel: Okay, let's take a look at the vocabulary for this lesson.

What's first?

Chihiro: to grab [natural native speed]

Daniel: to take suddenly, to seize

Chihiro: to grab [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Chihiro: to grab [natural native speed]

Next we have:

Chihiro to work [natural native speed]

Daniel: to perform a job

Chihiro to work [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Chihiro to work [natural native speed]

The next word is:

Chihiro: busy [natural native speed]

Daniel: full of activity, engaged in activity, occupied

Chihiro: busy [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Chihiro: busy [natural native speed]

And next we have:

Chihiro to meet [natural native speed]

Daniel: to come together

Chihiro to meet [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Chihiro to meet [natural native speed]

The next word is:

Chihiro: either [natural native speed]

Daniel: one and the other of two, one or the other of two

Chihiro: either [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Chihiro: either [natural native speed]

Next we have:

Chihiro sure [natural native speed]

Daniel: having no doubt about something

Chihiro sure [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Chihiro sure [natural native speed]

The next word is:

Chihiro: lunch [natural native speed]

Daniel: afternoon meal that comes after breakfast and before
dinner

Chihiro: lunch [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Chihiro: lunch [natural native speed]

And the last word is:

Chihiro week [natural native speed]

Daniel: unit of seven days

Chihiro week [slowly - broken down by syllable]

Chihiro week [natural native speed]

VOCAB AND PHRASE USAGE

Daniel: Let's have a closer look at the usage for some of the words and phrases from this lesson.

Chihiro: Let's look at the way Mike mentions who he is over the phone. Notice that instead of saying, I'm Mike or my name is Mike, he says "this is Mike."

Daniel: Right. This is the phrase used when stating who you are over the phone. The two former phrases are used when meeting somebody face to face for the first time. In this case Mike could have said "it's Mike" as well.

Chihiro: The next phrase we'll look at is, "to grab lunch". This is a common and casual way to say eat lunch. When people grab lunch, it means to eat casually and quickly, as oppose to sitting in a fancy restaurant and taking time.

Daniel: Right, so if I say, Chihiro, let's grab lunch.

Chihiro: Then I know we're probably not going to wine and dine together. Ok, let's take a look at the grammar point for this lesson.

LESSON FOCUS

Daniel: Let's review some basics and go over the simple present tense. The simple present tense is used to talk about things that are true all the time or true now and not expected to change soon. Also, it is used to talk about things that happen often. We often use the simple present tense with frequency words such as "always," "often," "never," and so on.

Chihiro: Right. Regular verbs in the simple present tense follow the following patterns. We'll use the verb, "to stop" as an example. In the first person singular...

Daniel: I stop

Chihiro: Second person singular,

Daniel: You stop

Chihiro: Third person singular

Daniel: He stops

Chihiro: First person plural

Daniel: We stop

Chihiro: And the third person plural

Daniel: They stop

Chihiro: Remember that the conjugation for the third person singular changes depending on the verb. For most verbs you just add an "s" to the infinitive or dictionary form as in the example. For verbs that end in "s", "sh", "x", "ch", add "es" to the infinitive form. For example,

Daniel: "She misses", "he washes", "it mixes", and "he teaches" all have "es" added to them

Chihiro: With verbs that end in a vowel followed by a "y" simply follow the regular rule, but for the ones that end in consonant followed by a "y", change the "y" to "ies". For example...

Daniel: He buys is spelt b-u-y-s, but he copies is spelt c-o-p-i-e-s.

Chihiro: And as always, there are exceptions.

Daniel: That's right. Remember that the verb "go" becomes "goes", "do" becomes "does", and "have" becomes "has"

Chihiro: That's g-o-e-s, d-o-e-s, and h-a-s.

Daniel: Here are some examples from the dialog...

Chihiro: I have some time this week.

Daniel: Wednesday works for me.

Chihiro: Can we meet at 12?

Daniel: These are all in the present tense. Remember to check the lesson notes in the PDF.

OUTRO

Daniel: That just about does it for today. See you soon!

Chihiro: Bye for now.

REPETITION OF DIALOGUE

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