

Optional Lesson part2 新出語・熟語

pretend

[prɪˈtɛnd]

to behave in a particular way that is not really true or real

Polly Simpson

[pɒlɪ(:)lɪ sɪm(p)s(ə)n]

a name of a woman

Annabel Adams

[æˈnəbel ædəməz]

a name of a woman

after a time**go one's way****Ralph D. Spencer**

[rælf di: spénsə]

a name of a man

manner

[mæˈnər]

the way that someone behaves toward other people

pleasant

[pléʒ(ə)nt]

enjoyable, attractive, or giving pleasure

identity

[aɪdɛntəti]

who someone is, their name and other features

attack

[əˈtæk]

a sudden feeling that you cannot control

community

[kəmjú:nəti]

the people who live in a particular area, country, etc.

wedding

[ˈwɛdɪŋ]

a marriage ceremony

look for ...**set up ...****as ... as one can****look over ...****do a good business****get to ~****fall in love**

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One day, Jimmy wrote a letter to one of his old friends in Little Rock.The letter said, "I want to give you my tools.You couldn't buy them even for a thousand dollars.I don't need them anymore because I finished with the old business a year ago.I will never touch another man's money again."

It was a few days after Jimmy sent his letter that Ben Price secretly arrived in Elmore.He went around the town in his quiet way until he found out all he wanted to know.From a drugstore across the street from Spencer's shoe shop, he watched Ralph D. Spencer walk by."You think you're going to marry the banker's daughter, don't you, Jimmy?" said Ben to himself, softly."Well, I'm not so sure about that!"

The next morning, Jimmy had breakfast at the Adams home.That day, he was going to Little Rock to order his wedding suit, buy something nice for Annabel, and give his tools away to his friend.

After breakfast, several members of the Adams family went to the bank together Mr. Adams, Annabel, Jimmy, and Annabel's married sister with her two little girls, aged five and nine.On the way to the bank, they waited outside Jimmy's shop while he ran up to his room and got his suitcase.Then they went on to the bank.

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Little Rock

[lɪt(ə)lrɔːk]

the capital city of the U.S. state of Arkansas

secretly

[sɪːkrətli]

in a way that other people do not know

banker

[ˈbæŋkəɹ]

someone who owns a bank or who has an important job at a bank

suit

[suːt]

a jacket and trousers made of the same cloth

not ... anymore

finish with ...

walk by

give A away to B

on the way to ...

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They all went into the banking-room Jimmy, too, for Mr. Adams' future son-in-law was welcome anywhere. Everyone in the bank was glad to see the good-looking, nice young man who was going to marry Annabel. Jimmy put down the suitcase in the corner of the room. The Elmore Bank had just put in a new safe. It was as large as a small room and it had a very special new kind of door that was controlled by a clock. Mr. Adams was very proud of this new safe and was showing how to set the time when the door should open. The two children, May and Agatha, enjoyed touching all the interesting parts of its shining heavy door. While these things were happening, Ben Price quietly entered the bank and looked inside the banking-room. He told the bank teller that he didn't want anything; he was just waiting for a man he knew. Suddenly, there were screams from the women. May, the five-year-old girl, had firmly closed the door of the safe by accident, and Agatha was inside! Mr. Adams tried hard to pull open the door for a moment, and then cried, "The door can't be opened! And the clock I haven't started it yet."

"Please break it open!" Agatha's mother cried out.

"Quiet!" said Mr. Adams, raising a shaking hand. "Everyone, be quiet for a moment. Agatha!" he called as loudly as he could. "Can you hear me?" They could hear, although not clearly, the sound of the child's voice. In the darkness inside the safe, she was screaming with fear. Agatha's mother, now getting more desperate, started hitting the door with her hands.

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banking-room

[bəŋkɪŋrʊ:m]

a room to do the business of a bank

son-in-law

[sʌnɪnlɔ:]

the husband of your daughter

control

[kəntrɒl]

to make a machine, system, etc. work in a particular way

proud

[praʊd]

feeling pleased and satisfied about something that you or people related to you have done

Agatha

[ægəθə]

A female given name

teller

[télər]

a person in a bank whose job is to receive and pay out money

put down ...

put in ...

be proud of ...

wait for ...

scream

[skri:m]

[noun] a loud, high sound you make with your voice when you are hurt, frightened, excited, etc.[verb] to give a loud, high shout with your voice when you are hurt, frightened, excited, etc.

firmly

[fɜ:mlɪ]

strongly and tightly

although

[ɔ:lðəʊ]

but

darkness

[dɑ:knəs]

the state of being dark, without any light

fear

[fiər]

the feeling you have when you are afraid or worried that something bad is happening or is going to happen

desperate

[désp(ə)rət]

feeling that you have no hope and are ready to do anything to change the bad situation you are in without caring about danger to yourself or others

by accident

for a moment



cry out



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Annabel turned to Jimmy. Her large eyes were full of pain, but not yet despairing. A woman believes that the man she loves can find a way to do anything. "Can't you do something, Ralph? Try, won't you?" He looked at her with a strange, soft smile on his lips and in his eyes.

"Annabel," he said, "give me that rose you are wearing, will you?"

She couldn't understand what he meant, but she put the rose in his hand. Jimmy took it and placed it in the pocket of his vest. Then he threw off his coat. With that act, Ralph D. Spencer disappeared, and Jimmy Valentine took his place. "Stay away from the door, all of you," he ordered.

He placed his suitcase on the table and opened it. From that time on, he didn't pay any attention to anyone else there. Quickly he laid the strange shining tools on the table. Nobody moved as they watched him work. Soon Jimmy's drill was biting smoothly into the steel door. In ten minutes faster than he had ever done it before he opened the door.

Agatha, completely exhausted but unharmed, ran into her mother's arms. Jimmy Valentine silently put his coat back on and walked toward the front door of the bank. As he went, he thought he heard a voice call, "Ralph!" But he never hesitated. At the door, a big man was standing in his way. "Hello, Ben!" said Jimmy. "You're here at last, aren't you? Well, let's go. I don't care now."

"I'm afraid you're mistaken, Mr. Spencer," said Ben Price. "I don't believe I recognize you." Then the big detective turned away and walked slowly down the street.

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pain

[péɪn]

the feeling of unhappiness when you are sad, upset, etc.

despairing

[dɪsˈpɛərɪŋ]

showing or feeling that you have no hope at all and that you can do nothing for a difficult situation

vest

[vést]

a piece of clothing without sleeves and with buttons down the front that you wear as part of a suit

drill

[drɪl]

a tool or machine used to make holes

bite

[baɪt]

to use your teeth to cut into or through something or someone

smoothly

[smú:ðli]

in a steady way without problems or difficulties

steel

[sti:l]

a strong metal that is made of a mixture of iron and carbon

throw off ...**take one's place****stay away from ...****from ... on****pay attention to ...****bite into ...****completely**

[kəmˈpli:tli]

in every way, totally

exhausted

[ɪgzɔːstɪd]

extremely tired

unharmd

[ʌnhɑːrmd]

not hurt or harmed

hesitate

[hézɪtèɪt]

to pause before you do or say something because you are nervous or not sure about it

run into ...**put on ...****stand in one's way****at last****turn away**

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Australian Banknotes

In Australia, people use plastic banknotes.They don't easily tear or become dirty.In addition, they don't get wet.So, when you leave them in your pockets and wash them by mistake, you don't have to worry.

Look at some Australian banknotes.The five-dollar banknote has only one person, Queen Elizabeth II, on the front.But the ten-dollar and fifty-dollar banknotes have one person on the front and another on the back.Also, Australian banknotes come in different sizes.What do you think about Australian banknotes?

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banknote

paper money

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by mistake

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You Can Make a Difference in Farmers' Lives!


Chocolate may be your favorite food. But do you know growing cacao trees is hard work? Cacao trees grow in hot, rainy, tropical places. Cacao plants are delicate.


Small family farmers grow about 90% of the world's cacao. They must protect trees from wind, sun, insects and illness. Cacao prices are rising, but the farmers get very little from its trade. The traders take away much of the profit.

Thanks to fair-trade, cacao farming can be sustainable. We buy cacao beans from those small farmers at fair prices. We set up local funds, too. Fair-trade has rules about farming to protect the environment.

Why don't you buy fair-trade chocolate? That can be a great help for cacao farmers.

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| tropical [tró(:)pík(ə)l] | of the hottest area of the earth |
| delicate [délíkət] | easily damaged or broken; needing careful treatment |
| illness [ɪlnəs] | a disease of the body or mind |
| trade [tréid] | the activity of buying, selling, or exchanging goods between people or countries |
| trader [tréidər] | someone who buys and sells goods as a job |
| profit [pró(:)fət] | money that you make by selling things or doing business, after paying the costs |
| fund [fʌnd] | an amount of money collected and saved for a particular purpose |

make a difference

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take away ...

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How can we improve the atmosphere in hospitals? One of the answers is laughter. In the 1980s, one man visited sick children and played the role of a clown. He brought smiles and laughter to patients at hospitals. "The clown was so funny and I laughed a lot," said one of the patients.

In addition to laughter, music has also comforted people at hospitals. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, a Japanese violinist played the violin at a hospital. Music cheers up both patients and staff.

Hospital art is another great idea. Laughter, music, and art have brought a breath of fresh air to hospitals. What other ideas can you come up with?

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clown

[kláun]

a person who wears funny clothes and a red nose at a circus

COVID-19

[kóuvídnàntí:n]

a contagious disease that spread around the world in 2019, causing a pandemic

pandemic

[pændémɪk]

a disease that spreads over the whole world

breath

[bréθ]

the air you push out of your lungs

in addition to ...

cheer up ...

come up with ...



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Dream Matches Asian HS Tournament

Welcome to Dream Matches, Asian HS Tournament.This is a tournament for Asian high school students of all skill levels.We are looking forward to seeing the fighting spirit of all players.We thank you for participating in this exciting event!

Date & Time:

Match 1 | July 20, 2026 | 6 p.m.

Match 2 | July 20, 2026 | 7 p.m.

Structure:

25 Teams | 1 match

Fees:

Free to play matches

Rules:

1. Each team needs at least eight players to participate.

2. All players in the tournament must have ESPORTS accounts.



3. Players must not use any unofficial versions of games.

4. Players must not use unofficial items.

5. All team players must register by the deadline.

Registration is now open and will run until July 20, 2026, 4 p.m. JST.

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| participate [pa:ʔɪsɪpèɪt] | to take part in an activity or event |
| structure [strʌktʃə] | the way in which the parts of an object are organized |
| fee [fi:] | an amount of money that you pay to do something or to join an event |
| account [əkáunt] | individual private access to an online service which usually requires a username and password to enter |
| unofficial [ʌnəʔɪʃ(ə)l] | without permission or approval from a person or an organization in authority |
| version [və:ʔʒ(ə)n] | a form of something that is slightly different from an earlier form of the same thing |
| deadline [dédlàim] | a time or day by which something has to be done or finished |
| registration [rèdʒɪstréɪʃ(ə)n] | the act of recording names on an official list |
| look forward to ... | |
| participate in ... | |
|  at least |  |

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Shiretoko, a World Heritage Site in Hokkaido, has many ecotourism activities. One of the most popular activities is wildlife watching with tour guides. We can watch brown bears, foxes, deer, and other animals. There are special paths that go through forests, mountains, and along the coast. Tourists can also enjoy boat tours to watch marine life.

Shiretoko is also the home of the Ainu people. They are native people with a unique culture and history. Tourists can learn about Ainu culture in museums and traditional villages.

We should sustain Shiretoko's natural beauty and unique culture through ecotourism. Visit Shiretoko, learn about its nature and culture, and help protect and preserve it for the future.

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| ecotourism [i:koutʊərɪz(ə)m] | trips to areas that people can learn something in a way that will not hurt the environment |
| wildlife [waɪldlaɪf] | animals, plants, insects, etc. that grow in natural conditions |
| fox [fɒks] | a doglike animal with brown fur |
| deer [diə] | an animal with horns that eats grass |
| marine [məːn] | related to the sea and the creatures that live there |
| Ainu [aɪnu:] | a group of people that has lived in Hokkaido for a long time |
| native [néɪtɪv] | living in a particular place |
| sustain [səsteɪn] | to make something continue |
| beauty [bjú:ti] | a quality that makes someone think something is very attractive to look at |

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Japanese High School Students Go to the U.N.

Do you think young people have the power to change the world?Now, the world knows that some Japanese high school students have worked hard to help to create a peaceful world.

Japanese High School Student Peace Ambassadors are chosen every year from around the country.They attend many conferences, including one at the United Nations Office.There, they make speeches in English to appeal for world peace.They also submit signatures they have collected in support of the abolition of nuclear weapons.

In addition, the ambassadors do some charity activities.They collect pencils and other stationery, and they send them to some poor countries.They also run a charity fund for poor children in Asia.

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| peaceful [pi:sf(ə)l] | quiet and calm without any worry or upset; without fighting |
| ambassador [æmbə'sədər] | someone who represents, speaks for, or advertises a particular organization, group of people, activity, etc. |
| attend [əténd] | to go to an event |
| conference [kə(ː)nf(ə)r(ə)ns] | a large formal meeting which lasts several days |
| United Nations [junàitɪdnéɪʃ(ə)nz] | an international organization that was established in 1945 which aims to help economic and social conditions improve and to solve political problems in the world in a peaceful way |
| submit [səbmít] | to give a document to someone in authority |
| signature [sɪgnətʃər] | a person's name written by that person in a special way |
| abolition [əbəlɪʃ(ə)n] | the complete ending of an activity or custom officially |
| nuclear [nju:kliər] | relating to weapons and other things that use nuclear energy |
| weapon [wép(ə)n] | any object that you use in fighting or war, such as a gun, bomb, knife, etc. |
| stationery [stéɪʃənəri] | the things that you use for writing, such as paper, pens, pencils, etc. |
| make a speech in support of ... | |



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The number of convenience stores in Japan has been growing.Convenience stores are easy to drop into.Their products are constantly changing.Every year, about 70% of all products are replaced by new ones.This is because of demand from society.

The customers of convenience stores used to be mainly young people, but these days, that is not the case.According to the graph, in 2022, the number of customers aged 50 or over was four times as large as that in 1989.

There will be more and more elderly people in the future.Home delivery of products will become more common for people who cannot travel easily.They can order what they need online and get it at home.As our society is changing, the meaning of “convenience” can also change.

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constantly

[kʌ(ː)nst(ə)ntli]

always, or very often

replace

[rɪpléɪs]

to take the place of something or someone

delivery

[dɪlív(ə)ri]

the act of taking goods, letters, parcels, etc. to a particular person or place

drop into ...

because of ...

used to ~

these days

that is not the case

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Machine translation is simple.The machine statistically finds out the most appropriate match from translation data.A set of data is like: “kami ga nagaku natta; My hair got longer.”It is broken up into smaller pieces, such as “kami; my hair” and “nagaku natta; got longer.”When you put “hi ga nagaku natta” into machine translation, the machine matches the best pieces of data and produces “The day got longer.” However, machine translation has several problems.If translated sentences are inaccurate, we must correct them.In addition, it is sometimes difficult for us to recognize inaccurate translations.
If we take an example, like “bukatsu de kaeri ga osoku natta,” we can see how inaccurate sometimes machine translation is.

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| translation [trænsleɪʃ(ə)n] | putting something that is written or spoken into another language |
| statistically [stætɪstɪk(ə)li] | in a way according to statistics |
| appropriate [əprəʊpriət] | suitable or correct for a particular situation |
| data [deɪtə] | information and facts collected to be examined and considered and used to find out things or to make decisions |
| translate [trænsleɪt] | to express written or spoken words in another language |
| inaccurate [ɪnækjərət] | not correct or exact |
| unnatural [ʌnnætʃ(ə)r(ə)l] | different from what is normal or what you expected |

break up A into B

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take an example

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A Boy's Discovery May Solve the Microplastic Problem

Microplastic pollution is a worldwide problem today.A Canadian boy has given us a good answer to it.Daniel Burd, a 16-year-old high school student, showed his research on microbes that could eat plastics.He won the top prize at the Canada-Wide Science Fair.

Daniel said, "Plastics finally break down and disappear, though it usually takes 1,000 years to do so.This means some microbes can eat plastics slowly."Then he asked himself, "Can I make those microbes do the job faster?"He did his experiment again and again.At last, he found the most powerful type of microbe.

About 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide each year.Billions of these end up in the oceans.Animals eat those plastic bags, and as a result, the animals often die.Daniel's discovery will help us solve the microplastic problem.

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| discovery [dɪskʌv(ə)ri] | a fact or thing that someone finds out about something that was not known about before |
| worldwide [wɜːrl(d)waɪd] | in all parts of the world |
| Daniel Burd [dænjəl bɜːrd] | a name of a 16-year-old high school student |
| experiment [ɪkspɛrɪmənt] | a scientific test done to learn something |
| billion [bɪljən] | "of the amount of 1,000,000,000; one thousand million (billions of ...) a very large number or amount of things or people" |

break down

again and again

▶ end up ...

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