

Situation 1

A conversation between a teacher and a student in school.

Dialogue

せいと
生徒：こんにちは。あの本、読みましたよ。

Student: Good afternoon. I have read that book.

- ほん book
- よ読む to read

せんせい
先生：もう読んだんですか？どうでしたか？

Teacher: Have you read it already? How was it?

せいと
生徒：すごく面白かったです！いろいろ考えました。

Student: It was really interesting! I thought about a lot of things.

- おもしろ面白い interesting; fun; funny

せんせい
先生：それはよかったです。何を考えたんですか？

Teacher: That is great. What did you think about?

生徒：えーっと。家族のことについてです。家族っていいですね。

Student: Hmm. I thought about my family. Having a family is great.

- 家族 family
- ~について about; concerning; as to; 仕事について話しましょう。Let's talk about work.

先生：そうですね。家族は一番大事かもしれませんね。

Teacher: That's right. Our family may be our most important thing.

- 大事 important; serious

生徒：けど、本を読むのって面白いです。すごく好きになりました。

Student: But reading books is interesting. I have come to like it a lot.

先生：本を読むのも大事ですよ。たくさん読みましょう。仕事があるとほとんど読めませんよ。

Teacher: Reading books is also important. Try reading more. You will hardly be able to read once you have a job.

生徒：はい、わかりました。けど本って高いですね。お金もかかるし、あまり買えません。

Student: Yes, I understand. But books are expensive. They cost money and I cannot really afford them.

せんせい
先生：そうですね。わたしも子供の時はあまり買えませんでした。

Teacher: That's true. I also couldn't really afford them when I was a child.

Situation 2

A couple's conversation in a car.

Dialogue

ケント：何か飲む物買いたいなあ。店あるかなあ？

Kento: I want to buy something to drink. I wonder if there's a shop here.

- 飲む to drink
- 店 store; shop; restaurant

ナナコ：もうちょっと先にあると思うよ。

Nanako: I think there's one further in front.

- 先 end; front

ケント：え、よく知ってるね。

Kento: Wow, you know this area well, don't you?

ナナコ：だって子供の頃、ここに住んでたから。学校もこの先だったし。

Nanako: Well, that's because I used to live here when I was a child. My school was in front too.

- だって because; emphasises から (because); ラーメン食べた。だっておなかすいてたから。I ate ramen because I was hungry.
- 頃 time; about; when
- 学校 school

ケント：そっか、それは知らなかった。けど子供の頃のこと、よく覚えてるね。

Kento: Oh, I didn't know that. But you can remember things from your childhood really well.

- 覚える to learn; to remember; to memorize

ナナコ：それぐらい覚えてるよ。学校も好きだったし。

Nanako: I can remember that much. I really liked my school too.

ケント：ふーん。俺は子供の頃の事あんまり覚えてないなあ。学校の先生とかも覚えてない。

Kento: Hmm. I can't remember much from my childhood. I can't even remember my teachers at school.

- 俺 I (used by male speakers)

ナナコ：え、ほんと？

Nanako: Oh, really?

ケント：うん。あ、良^よかった。ほんとに店^{みせ}あった。

Kento: Yeah. Oh, great. There's really a store here.

ナナコ：ね、言^いったじゃん。

Nanako: See, I told you.

ケント：うん、すごいね。ごめん、何^{なに}か飲^のむ物^{もの}買^かってきてくれる？

Kento: Yeah, you're amazing. Sorry, can you go buy me something to drink?

ナナコ：いいよ、行^いってくる。

Nanako: Sure, I'll go.

ケント：あ、お金^{かね}持^もってる？

Kento: Oh, do you have money with you?

ナナコ：うん、持^もってるよ。何^{なに}、買^かってくればいい？

Nanako: Yeah, I do. What should I buy?

ケント：いや、やっぱ俺おれも行くよ。他ほかのものも買かいたいし。

Kento: Oh, actually I'll go too. There are other things I want to buy.