

Situation 1

Two people working at a company that sells cars are talking.

Dialogue

佐藤：昨日、ニュースで見たんですけど。人口がまた減ったらしいですね。

Sato: I saw on the news yesterday that the population decreased again.

- 人口 population
- 減る to decrease; to become less

鈴木：そうなんですか？まあ、生まれる数より死ぬ方が多いんですしね。人口が減るのも当然か。

Suzuki: Is that so? Well, after all, there are more people dying than there are people being born. I guess it's natural for the population to decrease.

佐藤：やっぱり、自動車の販売は厳しいですよ。このままさらに人口が減ると。

Sato: It will definitely be difficult to sell cars, won't it? If the population continues to decrease even more.

- 自動車 car
- 販売 sale; 販売する to sell

鈴木：まあ、自動車だけじゃないでしょうねえ。

Suzuki: Well, it won't just be cars, will it?

佐藤：やっぱり外国じゃないですか？アジアって人口増えてる国、多いですよね？

Sato: We'll have to target other countries after all, won't we? There are many countries in Asia with increasing populations, right?

- 外国 foreign country
- アジア Asia

鈴木：そうですね。インドとか、すごいですよね。

Suzuki: That's right. For example, India's population is increasing like crazy, isn't it?

- インド India

佐藤：日本の車って、インドにおける人気はすごいらしいですよ。前にテレビでやってました。

Sato: It seems like Japanese cars are extremely popular in India. They said that on TV a while ago.

- ~における regarding; about; indicates a place or situation; 日本における公害。Air pollution in Japan.
- 人気 n. popularity; adj. popular

鈴木：へー、そうなんですか。アジアでの販売に、もっと力を入れたいですね。

Suzuki: Oh, is that so? We should work harder on selling in Asia, shouldn't we?

- 力を入れる to put effort into

佐藤：そうですねえ。外国での販売について、今以上に考えないといけませんね。

Sato: That's right. We'll have to think harder about selling in other countries.

Situation 2

Tomomi and Ayako are talking.

Dialogue

トモミ：あれ。なんか、^{きょうげんき}今日元気がないじゃん。どうしたの？

Tomomi: Huh? You seem rather down today. What's wrong?

アヤコ：^{わたし}私の^す好きなバンドなんだけどね。^{かつどう}活動をしばらく^{やす}休むんだって。

Ayako: Apparently, a band that I like will be taking a break from activities for a while.

- バンド band, belt; music band
- ^{やす}休む to take a rest; to be absent from

トモミ：それ、ニュースで^み見たよ。アヤコの^す好きなバンドだったんだ。

Tomomi: I saw that on the news. I didn't know you like that band.

アヤコ：うん。

Ayako: I do.

トモミ：たしか、テレビで問題ある^{もんだい}発言^{はつげん}したんだよね？子供^{こども}に対して、死^しね、みたいな。

Tomomi: If I remember correctly, they said something problematic on TV, didn't they? Something like telling a child to die.

- 発言^{はつげん} remark; 発言^{はつげん}する to speak

アヤコ：そうそう。けど、その^{はつげん}発言^{はつげん}も、別に悪^{べつ}くないんだよ。場^ばを面白^{おもしろ}くするためだったし。

Ayako: That's right. But what they said wasn't really bad. They were being funny.

トモミ：なるほどー。まあ、しょうがないかあ。^{さいきん}最近、そういうの^{きび}に厳しいもんね。

Tomomi: I see. Well, I guess it can't be helped. After all, recently, such acts have been responded to really harshly.

- しょうがない it can't be helped; nothing can be done

アヤコ：そうだよね。あー。^{さいきん}最近、せっかく^{にんきで}人気出てきたのになあ。

Ayako: You're right. What a pity. They were getting really popular.

- せっかく with effort, to take the trouble to; since..., might as well

トモミ：いつまで^{やす}休むか、わからないんだよね？

Tomomi: You don't know how long their break will be, do you?

アヤコ：うん、^{なが}長くなりそう。しょうがない。^{きょく}曲を^き聴いて^{がまん}我慢する。トモミも^よ良かったら^き聴いてみて。

Ayako: I don't. It'll probably be for a long time. It can't be helped. I'll listen to their songs and bear with it. If you're interested, give them a listen too, Tomomi.

- ^{がまん}我慢 patience, endurance, tolerance; ^{がまん}我慢する to be patient, to endure
- よかったら if you are interested; if you want

トモミ：しばらくは^{がまん}我慢が^{つづ}続きそうだね。^{わたし}私も^き聴いてみようかな。せっかくだし。

Tomomi: It seems like you'll have to continue bearing with it for a while. Maybe I should give them a listen, since you suggested it.