

Lesson 4: Introducing My Family

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1. Dialogue

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

Mr. Watanabe: Hello, Jonah. I've heard a lot about you.

Jonah: I'm really pleased to be meeting my fiancé's parents at last. It's great to be here.

Mr. Watanabe: This is my wife, Keiko. Aren't you going to introduce us to your family?

Jonah: Yes, sir, I am. This is my mother, Laura. And this is my father, Ben.

Mom, Dad, these are my fiancé's parents.

Mr. Watanabe: It's a pleasure to meet you.

Jonah: My mom's been busy lately because it's tax season. She's an accountant. My father is always busy with his trading business. This is why it's only now that we could meet you.

Mr. Watanabe: I was hoping to meet your siblings, too.

Jonah: Unfortunately, my brother Jack is in London. He's quite busy with work, too.

Mr. Watanabe: I see. What about you, Jonah? What **keeps** you **busy**?

Jonah: Oh, aside from preparing for our wedding and work, I'm finishing my masters.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Thanks for coming early but I still got some work to finish. **Keep** yourself **busy** while waiting for me.
2. After retirement, he took up computer lessons to **keep** himself **busy**.
3. I'm getting bored with my job. I've got to find something else to **keep** me **busy** and entertained.

* keep someone busy / (人) を忙しい状態に保つ (退屈しないようにというニュアンスもある。)

3. Your Task

You run into your boss in a restaurant. Your boss seems genuinely interested in your family.

Introduce them and give some information about them and about their jobs in the most formal way you can.

4. Let's Talk

Some company executives would mention that they consider their employees part of their family.

Do you believe them? Why or why not? Why do you think they say this?

Do you treat your co-workers like your family members?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words.



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