

Lesson 13: How to Express Your Demands/ Requests

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1. Dialogue

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

Ken: Excuse me, miss. I wonder if I might ask for a vegetarian meal.

Miho the Flight Attendant: Of course you may, sir.

Ken: Could you tell me what's on the flight menu?

Miho: Well, we've got stir-fried vegetables with tofu. We also have potato salad and fresh greens salad.

Ken: Hmm... the potato salad sounds delish. I'll have some of that, please.

Miho: Give me 10 minutes, sir. I'll have it prepared.

Ken: Oh, **by the way**, can I trouble you for some hot tea?

Miho: It's no trouble at all, sir. I'll be back in a minute.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. **By the way**, I have something important to tell you.
2. The washing machine is broken, **by the way**.
3. Is there a chance, **by the way**, for me to borrow some cash?

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3. Your Task

You are a hotel guest and you need a lot of things from the concierge or room service (= your tutor). Make as many requests as you can.

4. Let's Talk

When someone asks you to do something but he/she doesn't say it in a Polite way, how do you feel about it? Is being polite an important factor when requesting something? Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words.



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