

Lesson 14: How to Ask Your Questions

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1. Dialogue

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

Aiko: Stuart. You're just the person I'm looking for. You're not busy, **are you?**

Stuart: No, not at all. Is there anything you need?

Aiko: Actually, there is. Do you think you could help me with some paper work?

Stuart: Sure. What exactly do you want done with it?

Aiko: The instructions are written here. (Stuart reads the instructions.)

Do you have any questions?

Stuart: It all seems pretty clear to me. Is there anything else?

Aiko: Oh, I need the paper work by 3:00 today. You can do that, **can't you?**

Stuart: I'm not sure that I can finish it by then but I'll get right on it.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. She's not Japanese, **is she?**
2. They will deliver it, **won't they?**
3. You don't want to go to the party, **do you?**

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3. Your Task

You are on a crowded train. A woman has her bag occupying the seat next to her. You really want to sit down. Ask her (=your tutor) if she could move her bag so you could sit. In another situation, you are at the hardware store to buy some paint. Ask the sales attendant (=your tutor) about the best paint product that the store has.

4. Let's Talk

Discuss the polite and casual ways of asking a question with your teacher.

If you were the head of the company, how would you express your questions to your employees? If you were speaking to a child, how would you ask questions?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words.



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