

Lesson 18: How to Decline/ Refuse

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1. Dialogue

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

Clark: I need some help, Seiji.

Seiji: What is it, Clark?

Clark: It's my school paper. I have to finish it tonight but my computer **has broke down**. Can I borrow your laptop?

Seiji: I'd like to help you but I also need to finish my school paper.

Clark: Too bad. I'll try to get my sister's computer then.

Seiji: Sorry, pal.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. My car **broke down** this morning.
2. What will you do if your computer suddenly **breaks down** in the middle of an important job?
3. Processed food doesn't **break down** easily in the stomach.

* broke down / 壊れる、分解する

3. Your Task

Your co-worker (= your tutor) is asking you out for a date. Decline his/her request and give your reason for saying no. In another situation, your friend (=your tutor) is borrowing some money from you. Decline this request and give your reasons.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time that you declined a request? Tell your teacher all about it. When was the last time your request was refused? Tell your teacher all about it.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words.



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