

## Lesson 21: How to Consult

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Bill: I'm sorry to disturb you, sir. I need your recommendation on some matters.

Mr. Sato: Come in, Bill. Tell me what's so urgent.

Bill: Our shipment got held up due to a storm in the Pacific. This significantly affects our delivery time, sir.

Mr. Sato: See to it that the customers are notified. Tell them that we apologize for the delay.

Bill: I also await your advice on Mr. Honda's proposal. Are you signing the contract?

Mr. Sato: I'm afraid not. I'll talk to Mr. Honda personally. Anything else?

Bill: Yes, there is one more thing. What do you **suggest we do** with the Taiwanese account?

Mr. Sato: I haven't decided yet, Bill. I'll confirm my decision tomorrow.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. I **suggest you see** a doctor for that cough. It sounds bad.
2. What do you **suggest I do** for my farewell party?
3. I strongly **suggest that you turn off** the Japanese subtitles when you're watching American shows.

\* suggest (that) someone do ... / 人が...することを提案する。

### 3. Your Task

*Part of your job in the company is to hire and fire employees. Your need to consult with your boss (=your tutor) about firing Jack, a co-worker. Jack is a nice person but he's not very professional. Tell your boss all the details and ask for his advice.*

### 4. Let's Talk

*When was the last time you asked for advice from anyone? What was it about?*

*When was the last time you gave someone some advice? Do you get unsolicited advice from people around you? Tell your tutor all about it.*

### 5. Today's photo

*Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.*



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