

Lesson 25: How to Talk About a Story You Have Read, Heard or Seen

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1. Dialogue

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

Jim: Hey, pal. **Have you heard** what happened?

Matsukata: About what?

Jim: Mr. Nakamura is very ill. Everyone's talking about it.

Matsukata: What happened?

Jim: His assistant, Marugo, said that she found him unconscious in his office.

She called the ambulance and Mr. Nakamura was rushed to the hospital.

Matsukata: What's the word from the hospital?

Jim: According to Marugo, the doctors said it was a heart attack.

He's being operated on as we speak.

Matsukata: Oh, my. I hope he gets through it. He's the nicest boss in this company.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. **Have you heard** what happened to Jack? He just got married.
2. **Have you heard about** ABC Company? It just filed for bankruptcy.
3. **Have you heard of** the new Japanese restaurant on Maine Street? People are lining up for their sushi.

* have you heard of (about) ... /...について聞きましたか? ; 聞いたことがありますか?

3. Your Task

Your boss has called you in to the office to tell you that he's promoting you and that he's increasing your salary.

Now you want to call your mother or father (=your tutor) and tell them the news. Your mother/father wants to hear the whole story, though. So relate the details of your promotion.

4. Let's Talk

When you meet your close friends, what stories do you tell each other?

Do you think that the news on TV or the internet is an accurate source of information? Why or why not?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

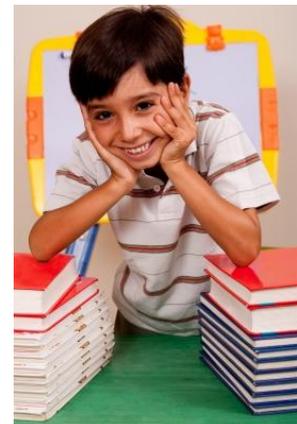


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