

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.

Mr. Watanabe: You're back. Tell me what happened on your site inspection.

George: Well, the project is running on schedule, sir. However, there are some labor issues.

Mr. Watanabe: Tell me more...what labor issues?

George: The workers are concerned about a number of things. They're not happy with the working conditions.

Mr. Watanabe: I just don't understand. I thought I'd left our workers in good hands.

George: **According to** Tanaka, the manager, the workers were not given protective gear and clothing. I was told that injuries are very common.

Mr. Watanabe: I see. What else did you find out?

George: Tanaka mentioned that the workers are planning to go on strike.

Mr. Watanabe: In that case, we'd better meet their demands. I don't want to jeopardize our schedule.

George: It's best you hear all this from Tanaka yourself, sir. I'll set up a meeting immediately.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. **According to** internet news, Sony is launching a waterproof tablet.
2. Kindly do your job **according to** instructions.
3. Salary is determined **according to** an employee's skills and experience.

* **According to ...** /...によると

3. Your Task

Your boss left you in charge of the office for a week. While he was on vacation, a customer arrived to complain about your company's service. Also, your boss' business partner dropped by and checked the company's finances. Later, a major shipment from the company was delayed. Your boss is back and you need to report everything to him. Tell your boss (=your tutor) what happened.

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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