

Lesson 26: Is There a Problem?

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1. Dialogue

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

Naruhiko: Excuse me, sir. You dropped your wallet.

Peter: Oh, wow. That's so nice of you to tell me. How can I thank you?

Naruhiko: Don't worry about it. You're not **from around here**, are you?

Peter: I just moved here from Uzbekistan. I'm actually lost. I can't find my apartment building.

Naruhiko: I see. Let me see that address. (looking at a written address in Peter's hand) Oh, it's just right around the corner.

Peter: Thanks again. I'm Peter, by the way.

Naruhiko: Don't mention it. It's pretty common for foreigners to get lost in the streets of Tokyo.

My name's Naruhiko.

Peter: Let me buy you coffee, Naruhiko. It's the least I can do.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. That man is obviously not **from around here**. He's too tall, he's got golden brown hair and he speaks in a strange accent.
2. A: Are you **from around here**? B: No, I'm not.
3. A: Hi. Can you tell me how to get to the sumo arena? B: Sorry, I can't. I'm not **from around here**.

* from around here / この辺り(出身)の

3. Your Task

Your new office mate just arrived from the U.S. He / She can't speak or read

Japanese well and he is having some trouble with the office equipment.

Help him / her (=your tutor) adjust in a Japanese environment.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you spoke to a foreigner? What did you talk about?

Have you ever helped a lost foreigner find his way? If have, tell your teacher

all about it. If not, would you offer help to a lost foreigner?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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