

Lesson 30: Opening a Conversation

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1. Dialogue

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

Kei: (jogging in the park) **Nice day for** a jog, isn't it?

Maxine: It sure is. The spring season in Japan is awesome.

Kei: Do you run here a lot?

Maxine: I run a lot but it's my first time in the park.

Kei: You should check out the view on the east side of this park. It's even more amazing at sunrise.

Maxine: Is it really? What else is there?

Kei: The beach is also that way, around 5 kilometers from here. The sea breeze is lovely this time of the year.

Maxine: Oh, wow. I think I'll be heading that way now. Care to join me?

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. **Nice night for** a walk, **isn't it?**

2. **Lovely morning for** a jog, **isn't it?**

3. **Nice day for** golf, **isn't it?**

* **nice** (morning, day, night) **for ... , isn't it?** / ...には良い (朝、昼、夜) ですね?

3. Your Task

You're jogging in the park one fine morning. A foreigner jogs along with you and says, "Good morning! Lovely weather, isn't it?" Respond to the foreigner's (=your tutor) greeting. Try to make a conversation out of this friendly meeting.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you spoke to a foreigner? How did the conversation start?

Tell your teacher all about it. Do the Japanese people have the custom of greeting strangers on the street? Why or why not?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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