

Lesson 31: Breaking the Ice

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1. Dialogue

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

Dan: (queued in the bank) **Don't you just hate** waiting in line?

Satoshi: Yeah... This bank always makes me wait.

Dan: The last time I was here, I stood in line for an hour.

Satoshi: I hate it when that happens. Is that a British accent I hear?

Dan: No, mate. It's Australian.

Satoshi: Oh, you're from down under! Nice to meet you. I'm Satoshi.

Dan: I'm Dan (shakes hands with Satoshi) Can you recommend a good steak house around here?

Satoshi: Why would you want steak when you're in Japan? You should have some sushi, man.

Dan: No offense but I'm not fond of raw fish. We Aussies like our cooked meat.

Satoshi: Well, I don't blame you. Steak is my favorite.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. (While waiting at a crowded train station) **Don't you just hate** the rush hour?

2. (While in a bar on a Friday night) **Don't you just love** having beer on a Friday night?

3. (While in the park) **Don't you just love** spring?

* don't you just love(hate) ... ? / ...が本当に好き (嫌い) ではないですか?

3. Your Task

While waiting at the bus stop, a foreigner walks towards you and says "Lovely weather we're having, don't you think?" Answer the foreigner (=your tutor) and go along with his/her ice breaker.

4. Let's Talk

Have you ever given a stranger a compliment which sparked a good conversation? Tell your tutor all about it. When you see a foreigner on the street, do you use any form of greeting? Why or why not?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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