

Lesson 34: Having an Interview

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1. Dialogue

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

Bill, the interviewer: Hello, Mister Yamada. I'm Bill and I'll conduct your interview today.
 Arata: Good morning, sir. You can call me Arata.
 Bill: Great. (smiles) Let's get right to it then. I have a busy day.
 Arata: I wouldn't want to be in your way, sir.
 Bill: (looking at Arata's resumé) I see you graduated from Tokyo University with honors. You could have your pick of big companies in Japan. Why would you want to work for ABC Company?
 Arata: Why shouldn't I work for a successful American company, sir?
 I think you're forgetting how big ABC Company is.
 Bill: Would you put your family before career?
 Arata: Yes, I certainly would.
 Bill: As a fresh college graduate, what do you believe you can contribute to this company?
 Arata: I **have the drive to** succeed in anything I do sir. My university records show that I'm an achiever. It would be great to have another achiever in this company, don't you think?
 Bill: I'm quite satisfied with your answers, Arata. I'll endorse you for a final interview with Mr. Kobayashi this afternoon. Please come back at around 2:00PM.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Forrest Gump was not very smart but he **had the drive to** learn and succeed.
2. Do you **have the drive to** reach your goals?
3. She **has the drive to** be the best in what she does.

* have the drive to ... / ...する気力・意思がある

3. Your Task

During your job interview, you have to introduce yourself to a panel of 3 interviewers (=your tutor). Give an impressive self-introduction to your interviewers. Spend five minutes just talking about your educational background and past job experiences.

4. Let's Talk

How do you prepare for a job interview? When was the last time you had a job interview? Tell your tutor all about it, including the questions that were asked, if you can recall them.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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