

Lesson 39: At Work

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1. Dialogue

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

Mizuho, the shop manager: I have called a staff meeting to address some urgent issues.

First in the agenda is how to deal with store theft.

Carly: (surprised) We're being robbed?

Mizuho: According to the inventory, there are a number of items **unaccounted for**. It can only mean that customers have been taking stuff without paying for them.

Carly: How do we deal with this?

Mizuho: We're installing surveillance cameras all over the store. It will cost a lot of money but it has to be done. The management is open to suggestions, though.

Carly: Maybe it'll be cheaper to have an espresso machine in the shop.

Mizuho: How can a coffee machine stop thieves?

Carly: Well, it seems that many of our staff members doze off during their shift. If there was free coffee to keep them awake then they would be able to constantly watch the store.

Mizuho: You've got a point.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. During the inventory, the store manager calculated that 50 sacks of rice were **unaccounted for**.
2. I've checked the company's finances. There's around \$5,000 of company money **unaccounted for**.
3. At least 100 civilians are **unaccounted for** after the bombing in Pakistan.

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3. Your Task

You work in an office. Your co-workers are always late, they don't meet deadlines and they keep breaking office equipment. Your boss has called a meeting about the situation. It's your chance to voice some of your observations. Tell your boss (=your tutor) all about these things and how it affects you as an employee.

4. Let's Talk

What is your position in your workplace? What are your job responsibilities? What do you like about your workplace? What would you like to improve in your workplace?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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