

Lesson 64: Fortune-Telling

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1. Dialogue

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

Luke: Hi, Yuki. What are you reading?

Yuki: (busy with her iPad) I'm just reading my weekly fortune. I have an app that tells me how my week is going to be.

Luke: There's an app for that? That's ridiculous. How could an app possibly know your future?

Yuki: The program was created around the Japanese custom of reading fortunes based on birthdays.

Luke: Interesting. What's this week's reading?

Yuki: It says that I will look radiant in red on Thursday. It's the perfect color to attract a partner. (smiling)

Luke: I hate to **burst your bubble** but it's Valentine's Day on Thursday so most people will be wearing red. Good luck on being radiant that day.

Yuki: Woe is me.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. A: We're going to Hawaii! B: I hate to **burst your bubble** but you can't go there without a proper visa.
2. I don't want to **burst her bubble** by telling her that she didn't pass the test.
3. Jack can be really mean at times. He likes **bursting other people's bubbles**.

* burst someone's bubble / (人)の夢を壊す

3. Your Task

You have received a job offer that will require you to live in the U.S. You are having second thoughts about taking the job so you go to a fortune teller (=your tutor) to get some answers. Tell the fortune teller your situation. You should also tell him/her why you don't want to leave Japan.

4. Let's Talk

Do you believe in people who claim to be able to tell your future?

Why or why not? Have you ever had your fortune told?

If yes, tell your tutor about it. How does fortune telling affect people's attitude to life?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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