

Lesson 66: Marriage

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1. Dialogue

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

Hitomi: Are you excited about your wedding?

Linda: I'm having mixed feelings about it. The preparations for the wedding are pretty overwhelming but I can't wait to march to the altar.

Hitomi: Have you and your fiancé talked about having children?

Linda: We have, actually. We've decided not to have kids yet. I wouldn't know how to deal with kids, housework and career all at the same time. I need to **work up** to having a family. I don't have the patience right now.

Hitomi: I agree. Patience is important in having a husband and kids. If only patience could be bought from a store, I'd give you a big box full of it.

Linda: I think you have a lot of patience. I can't imagine how you juggle your schedule at work and at home.

Hitomi: You'll learn the ropes along the way. It's sort of a woman's instinct.

Linda: I sure hope so.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. I do a lot of household chores every day. That can really **work up** an appetite.
2. Jack started as a clerk in the company. He **worked up** to being store manager in 3 months.
3. The movie was a bit dull at first but it **worked up** to a thrilling climax towards the end.

* work up .../ ...を徐々に上げる(増やす、高める) ; work up [to...] / [...へ向けて] 徐々に上がる(高まる、進歩する)

3. Your Task

Your friend (=your tutor) is going to ask his girlfriend to marry him. He would like the proposal to be unique, fun and romantic. Give him some ideas on how he can make a memorable proposal.

4. Let's Talk

Do you think that two people in love should marry each other?

Why do you say so? What do you think about arranged marriages?

It is important to have a grand wedding and why?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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