

## Lesson 66: Marriage

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### 1. Dialogue

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

John: Hi, Tom! Want to grab a cold one after work?

Tomoaki: I'd love to, John. But I'll **take a rain check** on that drink.

John: Busy night with the wife?

Tomoaki: Actually, it's our anniversary. I'm taking her to a fancy Italian restaurant.

John: Did you get her anything?

Tomoaki: Should I be getting her something? I mean, it's our second year of marriage.

John: You're supposed to give her a present every year, John. It's an unspoken rule in marriage.

Tomoaki: (looking at his watch) I have to run to the department store now. If the boss looks for me, tell him that I'm on a sales call or something.

John: Run along, Tom. You wouldn't want to disappoint your wife. You should also get her a bouquet of flowers and a card.

Tomoaki: Thanks for the advice, buddy. I owe you one.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. A: How about joining me for some drinks tonight? B: I'll **take a rain check**. My wife is expecting me for dinner.
2. A: Want to join me for a round of golf? B: I can't play now but I'll **take a rain check**.
3. A: The gang is getting together tonight at the local pub. You should come. B: Can I **take a rain check**?

\* take a rain check / またの機会にする

### 3. Your Task

You are a marriage counselor. You're talking to a couple who're having problems with their marriage. They have only been married for two years and they have a 10-month-old baby. Give them some advice on how they can stop fighting, and how to have more time for each other.

### 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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