

Lesson 67: Raising Kids

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1. Dialogue

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

Yukiko: My son wants to have clowns at his birthday party. Do you know where I could hire party clowns?

Kate: I have no idea. My children's birthday celebrations have been very simple.

Yukiko: You mean you've never thrown a big party for them?

Kate: Come to think of it, I have never had a big party for my kids. We've always had a private affair in a restaurant or a theme park.

Yukiko: What about your kids? Didn't they ever want a party?

Kate: I think birthdays should be spent with family while they're young. You might never have that chance anymore after they move out.

Yukiko: Hmm... I think I'll follow your example and make birthdays more intimate.

Kate: What about your son? He's expecting clowns for his next birthday.

Yukiko: I'll try to **talk him out of** it and we'll spend the whole day in Disneyland instead. It will save me a lot of preparation, headaches and cleaning up after the party.

Kate: Actually, that is the real reason I don't throw parties.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. My husband wants to buy a house in Malibu. I have tried **to talk him out of** it but he won't listen.
2. Jack is buying a Porsche. Can someone please **talk him out of** buying an expensive sports car?
3. My husband **talked me out of** getting a dog. I realized having pets is a lot of work.

* talk somebody out of ... / (人)を説得して...をやめさせる、思いとどまらせる

3. Your Task

You are a guidance counselor in a high school. Your job today is to get students ready for college. One of the students (=your tutor) is still undecided about what course to take. Talk to the student and help him/her decide based on their hobbies and interests, also on their goals and how he/she sees himself five years from now.

4. Let's Talk

Do you remember being punished by your parents when you were younger? Tell your tutor about it.

How often do you see your parents? Would you prefer a big extended family or a small nuclear one? Why?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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