

## Lesson 69: Getting a Job

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Alexis: Are you getting a job right after graduation?

Yuji: I'm not sure. I'd like to get a master's degree but it depends on my finances.

Alexis: What do you mean?

Yuji: Both my parents have just retired so I shouldn't be asking for money anymore. The tuition for a postgraduate degree is not a joke. I have to find a way to pay for it.

Alexis: I see. **If it's any consolation**, I happen to know that some companies sponsor employees to take their masters course.

Yuji: Really? That is really helpful information.

Alexis: Like the company that my sister works for, for example. They paid for my sister's school fees. But she had to show her boss that she deserved it.

Yuji: Hmm... Now I think I have to get a job.

Alexis: The only thing you have to remember is choosing the right company. It has to be a stable one with international connections.

Yuji: Thanks for the tip. I'll start listing my options tonight.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. A: (depressed) I just got fired. B: **If it's any consolation** to you, it was a lousy job anyway.

2. A: I lost my dog a month ago. B: **If it's any consolation**, your house smells a lot cleaner without a dog around.

3. A: I can't believe that our boss yelled at me. B: **If it's any consolation** to you, he always yells at his employees.

\* If it's any consolation (to someone) / 少しでも (人にとって) 気休めとなるなら

### 3. Your Task

You are a guest speaker in a seminar. Your audience is a group of graduating university students. You have to give them tips on how to choose companies to work for and how to present themselves during job interviews. Give a short talk about these points to the audience (=your tutor).

### 4. Let's Talk

Is it difficult to get a job in Japan? Explain your answer.

If you could work in another country, which would it be and why?

How much money would be an ideal salary for you?

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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