

Lesson 79: Politics

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1. Dialogue

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

Greg: Can you believe it? They're building a mall in the middle of a national park.

Daiki: How can they do that? That park is a protected area.

Greg: This just shows that our officials **are not up to the job** of preserving the environment.

Daiki: Isn't there anything we can do about this?

Greg: I'm pretty sure that protesters will be marching in front of the city hall really soon.

Daiki: I'll be joining them. I might even help organize it. What would you do?

Greg: I can write something about it and spread the news through the internet.

Daiki: Great idea! It feels good to be fighting for my hometown.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. The prime minister **is not up to the job** of serving the nation's interests.
2. We are looking for a hard-working person for this position. **Are you up to the job?**
3. I'm promoting you to a managerial position. I think you're **up to the job**.

* be up to the job / その仕事を務まる

3. Your Task

You are the leader of an environmental group and you are in a meeting with the city mayor. The purpose of this meeting is to ask the mayor to stop the construction of a mall in a national park. What would you say to the mayor (=your tutor)?

4. Let's Talk

Do you follow what goes on in Japanese politics?
Explain your answer. What changes would you like to see in the Japanese government?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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