

Lesson 84: Gambling

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1. Dialogue

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

George: (holding the credit card bill) Honey, why are we being billed for online casino transactions? Do you know anything about this?

Miho: Last month, I **got** a little **carried away** playing poker on a website. I'm so sorry. It won't happen again.

George: You spent \$320 dollars on online gambling?

Miho: It was sort of an accident. I came across an advertisement inviting me to play. I didn't know that I was using our credit card for my bets.

George: Okay, I forgive you. Just be careful of what you do online.

Miho: Online games are no fun anyway. I'd rather chat with my friends all day.

George: Why are you setting up the mah-jong table?

Miho: (smiling) Didn't I tell you? Jackie, Masako and old man Bart are coming to play mah-jong tonight.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. A: I am so angry with my boss. I'm quitting this job. B: Calm down. Don't **get carried away**.
2. Jack **got carried away** in the casino last night. He lost more than \$1000 playing Black Jack.
3. People easily **get carried away** when there's a sale. They end up buying many things they don't really need.

* get carried away / (波などに) さられる ; 我を忘れる、調子に乗る、夢中になる

3. Your Task

Your friend has been spending a lot of time in casinos lately. He's stopped showing up at work because of gambling. How will you tell your friend that he is addicted to gambling?

4. Let's Talk

Do you ever gamble? Explain your answer.

Why is gambling addictive? Does luck have anything to do with gambling? Why do you say so?



5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

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