Lesson 30

1 PHRASE OF THE DAY

Due to a sudden matter, I won't be available to meet ...

急な事情があって、お会いすることができないんですが、、

2 SITUATION

Serge is calling to cancel his appointment with Miles. サージはマイルズさんとのアポをキャンセルしようとしています。

3 DIALOGUE

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then practice each role.

Manae: Good afternoon, Miles Davis' office. May I help you?

Serge: Hi, Manae, this is Serge. Is Miles available?

Manae: Hi, Serge. No, he's in an important meeting. How can I help you?

Serge: Well, I'm calling about our meeting on Friday. Due to a sudden matter, I won't be

available to meet him. An emergency in the office has come up that will require my full

and undivided attention.

Manae: Would you like to reschedule?

Serge: Unfortunately, I don't know how long this matter will require my attention. I may

have to postpone it indefinitely for now.

Manae: That's terrible! Well, I'll let Miles know about the cancelation. Is there anything else I

can help you with?

Serge: No, that's all. I'll call back later to reschedule the meeting.

Manae: Ok, talk to you then. Bye-bye.

4 VOCABULARY

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

sudden matter 突然の事態 urgently 緊急に emergency 緊急の appreciate 感謝する

5 LANGUAGE FOCUS

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Meeting - Canceling an Appointment

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud again by yourself.

Unfortunately, due to some unforeseen business, I will be unable to keep our appointment.

I won't be able to make our meeting next ...

Something unexpected has come up and I must unfortunately cancel our appointment.

I'm afraid that I'm not going to be able to meet you after all.

Something unexpected has come up that requires my immediate attention.

I know we were supposed to meet next Friday, but something urgent has come up.

6 ACTIVITY

Activity 1: Discuss the following with your tutor:

Q1: When was the last time you had to cancel a very important appointment? Who was it with? Why did you have to cancel? What excuse did you give?

Q2: When was the last time someone canceled an appointment with you? What excuse did they give? Did it seem valid or made up? How did you feel?

Activity 2: Come up with as many convincing reasons to have to cancel an important meeting with someone. Review them with your tutor. Practice canceling appointments using the language from the unit.

Hints

all of a sudden 突然 apologize 謝る appointment 約束 doubtful 疑わしい supposed to ~することになって made up 構成されて unexpected 予期していない valid 有効な