

Lesson 36

1 PHRASE OF THE DAY

今日のフレーズ

Why does it always take him so long to....

なんで彼は、、、するのにいつもそんなに時間がかかるのかな？



2 SITUATION

状況

Sandra is worried about the completion of a project and is discussing it with Paul.
サンドラはプロジェクトが完成できるかが気がかりで、ポールと話し合っています。

3 DIALOGUE

ダイアログ

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

Paul : Hi Sandra. What's wrong? You look really stressed out. Work getting you down?

Sandra: Oh, hello Paul. Yeah, it's this latest project I'm working on with Tim. Everything seems to be going wrong. I don't know how we're going to get it finished on time.

Paul : Why, what's happened?

Sandra: Well, last week I had to take a few days off due to that weird flu bug, so that put us behind schedule. Then, this morning I had a problem with my computer and accidentally deleted some work. On top of that, there's Tim. I mean he's a nice guy but he works at a snail's pace. **Why does it always take him so long to** make decisions?

Paul : I know what you mean. Tim does take his time over things. He's good at what he does, but he's not exactly a workhorse. It's bad news about your computer as well. You couldn't help being sick though. You've had some bad luck that's all.

4 VOCABULARY

語い

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

stressed out ストレスが溜まって **snail's pace** かたつむりのペース※遅いことの例え
weird 奇妙な **workhorse** 馬車馬

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5 LANGUAGE FOCUS

今日のポイント

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Office Talk - Expressing Frustration

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

They get on my nerves.

I can't stand it when....

It makes my blood boil.

The thing that gets me the most is...

It's like talking to the wall.

That really bugs me.

Why do they always....?

I'm sick of....

6 ACTIVITY

練習

Activity 1: How do you “vent frustration?” What is the best way to “relieve stress?” How do you deal with frustrations at work? Try to give as much detail as possible.

Activity 2: You are the manager of a large company. You must reprimand an employee that has been causing a lot of frustration at the office. Below are the list of grievances:

- poor communication with staff
- inability to make decisions
- lack of participation at meetings and staff events
- lethargy:general lack of enthusiasm at work
- stubbornness:unwilling to consider different views

Hints

ヒント

complaint 苦情

indecisive 優柔不断

grievances 不満

lackadaisical やる気のない

lethargy 無気力

reprimand 叱責

satisfied 満足する