

## ❖ Lesson 5

# Making Suggestions

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「提案する」

# Challenge!

**Work with the whole class.  
Your Instructor wants to visit  
somewhere in Japan.  
Make suggestions on where to visit  
and what to do there.**

There are several English expressions for making suggestions..

## ■ Making Suggestions 提案する

1. **Why don't you** take some medicine? (～するのはどうですか)
2. **Why don't we** go to a hot spring and have some crab? (～するのはどうですか)
3. **How about** the izakaya around the corner? (～はどうですか)
4. **How about** leaving 10 minutes early? (～するのはどうですか)
5. **You can** check the train schedule on the Internet.  
(～できますよ)

*Practice the dialogs with your partner.*

## ■ Dialog 1:

A: I have a bad headache. I can't think.

B: **Why don't you** take some aspirin?

There are some in the kitchen.

A: OK. I'll take some. Thank you.

*Practice the dialogs with your partner.*

## ■ Dialog 2:

A: Where should we go for our bounenkai?

B: **How about** the izakaya around  
the corner?

A: Is it any good?

B: They have some great nabe dishes.

*Practice the dialogs with your partner.*

## ■ Dialog 3:

A: Do you know what time the train leaves?

B: I'm not sure. **You can** check the train schedule on the Internet.

A: That's right! Thanks.

# ★ Pair Work

- *Work with your partner. Take turns and make suggestions on the following:*

1. Oh, I can't find my cell phone.  
Maybe I left it in the coffee shop.
2. I don't feel very well.  
I think I have a fever.
3. I don't have enough money, but I don't have time to go to the bank.
4. My son has grown up and doesn't talk to me anymore.

## ■ Making suggestions

- Why don't you ...?
- Why don't we ...?
- How about ...?
- You can ...

## Words & Phrases

- *Go through the words and phrases with your instructor.*
- *Pay attention to pronunciation and intonation.*

### ■ Suggestions to Your Colleagues

- restart your computer
- take notes during the meeting
- speak to your boss
- finish work before 7

### ■ Suggestions to Your Family

- take lunch to work
- save some money for emergencies
- eat healthier food
- come home before 10 p.m.

### ■ Suggestions to Your Customers

- place an order ahead of time
- consider a new system

# ★ Practice

- *Work with your partner. Respond to each problem with a suggestion in the blue box. If possible, continue the conversation using your imagination.*

1. A: I had a checkup.

I'm overweight.

B: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. A: The office is too cold after  
7 p.m., because the heating  
in the building stops at 7.

B: \_\_\_\_\_.

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# ★ Practice

3. A: My computer is frozen.

What should I do?

B: \_\_\_\_\_.

4. A: The problem is that we're always short of stock.

B: \_\_\_\_\_.

5. A: The machines in the factory have a lot of problems. They are more than twenty years old.

B: \_\_\_\_\_.

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# ★ Class Work

- *Work with the whole class. Discuss one of the following topics. Give your opinions. Agree or disagree with your classmates.*
  1. Which pro-baseball team will win this year?
  2. Which family restaurant is the best?
  3. Which is the best city to live in?
  4. Who is the greatest Japanese person in history?
  5. How can you be healthier?
  6. How can you make your office better?
  7. How can you improve your products?



# Prepositions

前置詞の色々

## ■ “on” の使い方

- The document is **on** the copy machine. 上にある
- This month's schedule is **on** the wall. はりついている
- I saw my boss **on** the train. 乗っている
- CDs are **on** the 8th floor. ~階で
- I saw the news **on** television. TVで
- We talked **on** the phone. 電話で



# Prepositions

前置詞の色々

## ■ “at” の使い方

- The store opens **at** 9 a.m. 時間を表す
- Let's meet **at** the airport. 場所を表す
- **at** 25°C / **at** 80 km per hour 単位を表す
- I had dinner **at work** / **at home.** 職場で、家で
- I gave a speech **at** the party. 催し物で



# Prepositions 前置詞の色々

## ■ Locations 位置を表す前置詞

- the izakaya around the corner その角を曲がった所の居酒屋
- the bus stop in front of the DIY store ホームセンター前のバス停
- the post office across from the gas station  
ガソリンスタンドの向いの郵便局
- the parking lot behind the restaurant レストランの後ろの駐車場
- the street between McDonald's and the bookstore  
マクドナルドと本屋の間の道

# ★ Practice

- *Work with your partner. Practice the example conversations.*

## Example 1:

A: **Where should we go for** our shinnenkai?

B: **There is** a nice izakaya **behind** the post office.

## Example 2:

A: **Is there** a big bookstore around here?

**I need to** buy some rare books.

B: The bookstore **across** from the hotel has a great selection.

# ★ Practice

- *Now, talk about places around your office using the following words.*

## Example 1:

A: **Where should we go for** \_\_\_\_\_?

B: **There is** \_\_\_\_\_.

A: (Ask Extra Questions.)

B: (Respond to the Questions).

1. our Christmas party
2. lunch
3. our bonenkai

# ★ Practice

- *Now, talk about places around your office using the following words.*

## Example 2:

A: **Is there** a big \_\_\_\_\_ around here?

**I need to** \_\_\_\_\_.

B: \_\_\_\_\_ has a great selection.

A: (Ask Extra Questions.)

B: (Respond to the Questions).

1. stationery store

2. CD store

3. gift shop