

LESSON NOTES

Beginner S3 #5

The Meet Up 2

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KANJI

1. (時計の音)
2. クミ: もう7時半か。「今着く」なんて、タローはいつも嘘ばかり。はあ……。あーあー。
3. 警備員: お客さん、大丈夫ですか。寒いですよ。カイロ使いますか?どうぞ。
4. クミ: ありがとうございます。私の彼、毎日仕事ばかりしていて、私はいつもひとり。最近、喧嘩ばかりしているんです。今日は、私の誕生日なのに……。あ、ごめんなさい。私、文句ばかり言っていますね。
5. 警備員: 彼氏、きっと来ますよ。もう少し、待ちましょう。

KANA

1. (とけいのおと)
2. クミ: もう7じはんか。「いまつく」なんて、タローはいつもそばばかり。はあ……。あーあー。(なき)
3. けいびいん: おきゃくさん、だいじょうぶですか。さむいですよね。カイロつかいますか?どうぞ。
4. クミ: ありがとうございます。わたしのかれ、まいにちしごとばかりしていて、わたしはいつもひとり。さいきん、けんかばかりしているんです。きょうは、わたしのたんじょうびなのに……。(なき) あ、ごめんなさい。わたし、もんくばかりいっていますね。

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5. けいびいん: かれし、きつときますよ。もうすこし、まちましよう。

ROMANIZATION

1. (Tokei no oto)
2. KUMI: Mō 7-ji han ka.(Ima tsuku) nante, Tarō wa itsumo uso bakkari. Hā....
Ā ā.(Naki)
3. KEIBIIN: O-kyaku-san, daijōbu desu ka. Samui desu yo ne. Kairo tsukaimasu
ka? Dōzo.
4. KUMI: Arigatō gozaimasu. Watashi no kare, mainichi shigoto bakari shite
ite, watashi wa itsumo hitori. Saikin, kenka bakari shite iru n desu.
Kyō wa, watashi no tanjōbi na noni....(Naki) A, gomen nasai.
Watashi, monku bakari itte imasu ne.
5. KEIBIIN: Kareshi, kitto kimasu yo. Mō sukoshi, machi mashō.

ENGLISH

1. (the sound of clock ticking)
2. KUMI: It's already 730. Yeah, "I'll be there soon" all right. Tarō always
lies. Oh no....(sobs)
3. SECURITY
GUARD: Ma'am, are you okay? It's very cold, isn't it? Would you like to use a
pocket warmer? Please, be my guest.
4. KUMI: Thank you very much. My boyfriend is always working, and I am
always alone. These days, all we do is argue. And today's my
birthday... (sob) Oh, sorry. All I'm doing is complaining.

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5. SECURITY
GUARD:

I'm sure your boyfriend will come. Let's wait a little bit longer.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
嘘	うそ	uso	lie
警備員	けいびいん	keibiin	guard, security agent
カイロ	かいろ	kairo	pocket warmer
最近	さいきん	saikin	lately, nowadays, in recent days
喧嘩	けんか	kenka	quarrel, fight
誕生日	たんじょうび	tanjōbi	birthday
きっと	きっと	kitto	surely, without fail

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>最近、よく近所に変な人を見ます。 <i>Saikin, kinjo ni hen na hito o mimasu.</i></p> <p>I often see strange people in my neighborhood lately.</p>	<p>明日、きっと雨が降る。 <i>Ashita kitto ame ga furu.</i></p> <p>I'm sure it will rain tomorrow.</p>
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GRAMMAR

Today's grammar point is **ばかり**(*bakari*). It is a particle which indicates the speaker's feeling that something is too much or someone is always doing something. It often imply the speaker's dissatisfaction.

Please note that in casual conversation, **ばかり**(*bakari*) is sometimes pronounced as **ばっかり**(*bakkarī*). When **ばっかり** is used, the noun preceding **ばっかり** is emphasized more than with **ばかり**, and it can express the speaker's dissatisfaction more strongly.

Today's Examples:

タローはいつも嘘ばかり。

Tarō wa itsumo uso bakkari.

Taro is always lying.

⇒嘘(*uso*) is followed by ばかり(*bakkari*) so that 嘘(*uso*) could be emphasized and it could imply that the speaker complains about how often Taro makes lies.

毎日仕事ばかりしていて、私はいつも一人。

Mainichi shigoto bakari shite ite, watashi wa itsumo hitori.

He works all day long everyday, and I'm left alone all the time.

⇒仕事(*shigoto*) is followed by ばかり(*bakari*) so that 仕事(*shigoto*) could be emphasized and it could imply that the speaker complains about how much he works everyday.

喧嘩ばかりしているんです。

Kenka bakari shite iru n desu.

We are always fighting.

文句ばかり言っていますね。

Monku bakari itte imasu ne.

I'm always complaining, aren't I?

Please note that when the noun preceding ばかり(*bakari*) is the direct object of a sentence, the object marking particle を(*o*) is usually omitted. For example, in the case of the first example above, since 仕事(*shigoto*) is a direct object of する(*suru*), you would say 仕事をする(*shigoto o suru*) in a normal statement. But, when you say 仕事ばかりする(*shigoto bakari suru*), the object marking particle is omitted.

When the noun preceding ばかり(*bakari*) is the subject of a sentence, the subject marking particle が(*ga*) can be remained or omitted.

私ばかり (が) 掃除している。

Watashi bakari (ga) sōji shite iru.

Nobody but me is cleaning.

Other Examples:

五郎は、工作中、甘いものばかり食べている。

Gorō wa, shigoto chū, amai mono bakari tabete iru.

Goro is always eating sweets during his work.

達夫は、何も食べないでお酒ばかり飲んでる。

Tatsuo wa, go-han o tabenaide o-sake bakari nonde iru.

Tatsuo is only drinking without eating anything.

雅彦は、勉強しないで、まんがばかり読んでいる。

Masahiko wa, benkyō shinaide, manga bakari yonde iru.

Masahiko is always reading manga without studying.