

LESSON NOTES

Lower Intermediate S4 #10

What do you Really Think?

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1. たんていX: ここが、キミさんのいえのにわですね。
そして、いっしゅうかんまえまでは、このいけににしきごいが3びきいた。
2. とくがわキミ: はい、そうだったとおもいます。
3. たんていX: では、きんじょのひとにききこみをかいししましょう。
4. とくがわキミ: はい。
5. たんていX: この1しゅうかんで、だれか、ふしんなひとはみませんでしたか。
6. きんじょのひと: へんなひとはいなかったとおもいます。
7. たんていX: ふしんしゃはいない・・・。
では、なにか、おとはきこえませんでしたか。バシャバシャというみずのおととか。
8. きんじょのひと: いえ、べつにおおきいおとはきかなかったとおもいますよ。
9. たんていX: おともきこえなかった・・・。
うーん。なぞだ。ほかになにかおもいだせませんか。
ささいなことでもけっこうです。
10. きんじょのひと: すみません。
ふだんから、このあたりはしずかなのですが、キミさんのいなかった1しゅうかんもなにもかわりはなかったとおもいますよ。

ROMANIZATION

1. TANTEI X: Koko ga, Kimi-san no ie no niwa desu ne.
Soshite, 1-sshū-kan mae made wa, kono ike ni nishikigoi ga 3-biki ita.
2. TOKUGAWA KIMI: Hai, sō datta to omoimasu.
3. TANTEI X: Dewa, kinjo no hito ni kikikomi o kaishi shimashō.
4. TOKUGAWA KIMI: Hai.
5. TANTEI X: Kono 1-shū-kan de, dare ka, fushin na hito wa mimasen deshita ka
6. KINJO NO HITO: Hen na hito wa inakatta to omoimasu.
7. TANTEI X: Fushinsha wa inai....
Dewa, nani ka, oto wa kikoemasen deshita ka. Basha basha to iu mizu no oto toka.
8. KINJO NO HITO: Ie, betsu ni ōkii oto wa kikanakatta to omoimasu yo.
9. TANTEI X: Oto mo kikoenakatta....
Ūn. Nazo da. Hoka ni nani ka omoidasemasen ka.
Sasai na koto demo kekkō desu.
10. KINJO NO HITO: Sumimasen.
fudan kara, kono atari wa shizuka na no desu ga, Kimi-san no inakatta 1-shū-kan mo nani mo kawari wa nakatta to omoimasu yo.

ENGLISH

1. DETECTIVE X : So, Kimi this is your garden - and you say that a week ago three colored carp were here in this very pond.

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2. KIMI TOKUGAWA : Yes, I think that's right.
3. DX : Alright, let's start questioning your neighbors.
4. KT : Ok.
5. DX : Have you seen any suspicious people here in the past week?
6. NEIGHBOR : No, I don't think there have been any suspicious people around here.
7. DX : No suspicious people... Well then, have you heard any sounds? Like the splish-splashing of water perhaps?
8. N : Nope, I don't think I've heard any large sounds in particular.
9. DX : Didn't hear any sounds... Hmm, puzzling. Can you remember anything else? Even the most trivial detail may help.
10. N : I'm sorry. This area is normally pretty quiet, and I don't think anything changed while Kimi was away.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
庭	にわ	niwa	garden, yard
謎	なぞ	nazo	mystery, puzzle, enigma
普段	ふだん	fudan	usual, habitual
聞き込み	ききこみ	kikikomi	getting information, investigation
開始する	かいしする	kaishi suru	to start

不審	ふしん	fushin	suspicion, strangeness
些細	ささい	sasai	trivial, slight

SAMPLE SENTENCES

庭を掃除する。 <i>Niwa o sōji suru.</i> I clean the yard.	彼の行動は謎だ。 <i>Kare no kōdō wa nazo da.</i> His actions are mysterious.
普段から、食生活に気をつける。 <i>Fudan kara shokuseikatsu ni ki o tsukeru.</i> I always watch what I eat.	事件について、聞き込みをする。 <i>Jiken ni tsuite kikikomi o suru.</i> I ask around about the incident.
朝10時より、試合を開始します。 <i>Asa 10-ji yori shiai o kaishi shimasu.</i> The game will start at 10 a.m.	昨夜、不審な人がうろついていた。 <i>Sakuban fushin na hito ga urotsuite ita.</i> Last night a suspicious person was loitering about.
彼女は、些細なことを気にする。 <i>Kanjo wa, sasai na koto o ki ni suru.</i> She worries about trivial things.	

GRAMMAR

The focus of this lesson is Expressing One's Opinion

変な人はいなかったと思います。

Hen na hito wa inakatta to omoimasu.

The focus of this lesson is expressing one's opinion or what they think about something using the class 1 verb *omou* (思う), meaning "to think."

Expressing Opinion

To express your opinion in Japanese, you can attach *to omou*

(と思う) after a sentence or phrase. *To* (と) is a quotation-marker used at the end of a quote, and *omou* (思う) is a verb that means "to think." In formal Japanese, this phrase becomes *to omoimasu* (とあります). This phrase corresponds to "I think/don't think that ~" in English.

Verb Sentences

It's going to rain.	⇒ 雨が降る [<i>Ame ga furu.</i>]
I think it's going to rain.	⇒ (私は)雨が降ると思う。 [(<i>Watashi wa</i>) <i>ame ga furu to omou.</i>]
I don't think it's going to rain.	⇒ (私は)雨が降らないと思う。 [(<i>Watashi wa</i>) <i>ame ga furanai to omou.</i>]
I think it rained.	⇒ (私は)雨が降ったと思う [(<i>Watashi wa</i>) <i>ame ga futta to omou.</i>]

i-adjective Sentences

The test is difficult.	⇒ テストは難しい。 [<i>Tesuto wa muzukashii.</i>]
I think the test is difficult.	⇒ テストは難しいと思う。 [<i>Tesuto wa muzukashii to omou.</i>]
I don't think the test is difficult.	⇒ テストは難しくないと思う。 [<i>Tesuto wa muzukashikunai to omou.</i>]
I think the test was difficult.	⇒ テストは難しかったと思う。 [<i>Tesuto wa muzukashikatta to omou.</i>]

na-adjective Sentences

The test is easy.	⇒ テストは簡単だ。 [<i>Tesuto wa kantan da.</i>]
I think the test is easy.	⇒ テストは簡単だと思う。 [<i>Tesuto wa kantan da to omou.</i>]

I don't think the test is easy.

⇒ テストは簡単じゃないと思う。
[*Tesuto wa kantan janai to omou.*]

I think the test was easy.

⇒ テストは簡単だったと思う。
[*Tesuto wa kantan datta to omou.*]

Noun Sentences

Miu is a student.

美雨は学生だ。
[*Miu wa gakusei da.*]

I think Miu is a student.

美雨は学生だと思う。
[*Miu wa gakusei da to omou.*]

I don't think Miu is a student.

美雨は学生じゃないと思う。
[*Miu wa gakusei janai to omou.*]

I think Miu was a student.

美雨は学生だったと思う。
[*Miu wa gakusei datta to omou.*]

Note: The third example of each chart has an English translation that begins with "I don't think ~". To convey this kind of idea in Japanese, we can conjugate the phrase that comes before *omou* instead of *omou* itself.

Example:

大丈夫じゃないと思う。

Daijobu **janai** to omou.

I **don't** think it's okay.

Examples from this lesson

Examples from this dialog:

1. はい、そうだったと思います。

Hai, sō datta to omoimasu.

"Yes, I think that's right."

2. 変な人はいなかったと思います。

Hen na hito wa inakatta to omoimasu.

"No, I don't think there have been any suspicious people around here."

3. いえ、別に大きい音は聞かなかったと思いますよ。
Ie, betsu ni ōkii oto wa kikanakatta to omoimasu yo.
"Nope, I don't think I've heard any large sounds in particular."
4. キミさんのいなかった1週間も何も変わりはなかったと思いますよ。
Kimi-san no inakatta isshūkan mo nanimo kawari wa nakatta to omoimasu yo.
"I don't think anything changed while Kimi was away."

Sample Sentences:

1. 晴夜はいい人だと思います。
Haruya wa ii hito da to omoimasu.
I think Haruya is a good person.
2. 言語の中で中国語が一番難しいと思います。
Gengo no naka de chūgoku-go ga ichiban muzukashii to omoimasu.
Out of all languages, I think Chinese is the hardest.