

LESSON NOTES

Extra Fun #8

SS4: Sticky Situation

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KANJI

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2. マリ: どうしたの？
3. 真季: あー、ガム踏んじゃったよ。
4. マリ: ちょっと待って。はい、ティッシュ。
5. 真季: ありがとう。
6. マリ: 早く早く。信号が青のうちに渡りましょっ。

KANA

1. まき: あっ、なんかふんじゃったみたい。
2. マリ: どうしたの？
3. まき: あー、ガムふんじゃったよ。
4. マリ: ちょっとまって。はい、ティッシュ。
5. まき: ありがとう。
6. マリ: はやくはやく。しんごうがあおのうちにわたりましょっ。

ROMANIZATION

1. MAKI: A, nanka funjatta mitai.

2. MARI: Dō shita no?
3. MAKI: Ā, gamu funjatta yo.
4. MARI: Chotto matte. Hai, teisshu.
5. MAKI: Arigatō .
6. MARI: Hayaku hayaku. Shingō ga ao no uchi ni watari masho.

ENGLISH

1. MAKI: Oops. I think I stepped on something.
2. MARI: What happened?
3. MAKI: Oh! I stepped on gum.
4. MARI: Wait a sec. Here's a tissue.
5. MAKI: Thanks.
6. MARI: Hurry! Hurry! Let's cross while the light is blue.

VOCABULARY

Kanji	Kana	Romaji	English
踏む	ふむ	fumu	To step on, To tread on
ガム	がむ	gamu	Chewing gum

ちよつと	ちよつと	chotto	Slightly, A little, Somewhat
ティッシュ	ティッシュ	tisshu	tissue
早く	はやく	hayaku	Early, Soon, Quickly, Fast
信号	しんごう	shingou	Traffic lights, Signal
青	あお	ao	Blue, Green, Green light
渡る	わたる	wataru	To cross over, To go across

SAMPLE SENTENCES

すみません、ティッシュありますか。

Suimasen, tisshu arimasu ka.

Excuse me, do you have a tissue?

GRAMMAR

Today's grammar point is *uchi ni* which is a conjunction used to designate a period in which some condition or situation remains in effect. *Uchi ni* is similar to *aida* in that they can both be used to express an interval of time. However, *uchi ni* carries the nuance that whatever follows relies on the condition or situation marked by *uchi ni*, while *aida* simply indicates the interval. The sentence using *uchi ni* implies if it's not in the condition or situation marked by *uchi ni*, the action followed by *uchi ni* can not happen, so let's do the action before the condition changes. So, the negative form of verb can be followed by *uchi ni* (e.g. 信号が赤にならないうちに; *shingō ga aka ni naranai uchi ni*; "before the light turns red")

Formation:

V.inf.nonpast + *uchi ni*

寝ているうちに・*nete iru uchi ni* - while s.o. is sleeping

起きないうちに・*okinai uchi ni* - before s.o. gets up

i-adj.nonpast + *uchi ni*

明るいうちに・*akarui uchi ni* - while it is light

na-adj.nonpast + na + *uchi ni*

にぎやかなうちに・*nigiyaka na uchi ni* - which it is lively

noun + no + *uchi ni*

今年のうちに・*kotoshi no uchi ni* - before the end of the year

Example:

子どもが寝ているうちに夕食を食べよう。

Kodomo ga nete iru uchi ni yūshoku o tabeyō.

While our kid is sleeping, let's have dinner.

家族が起きないうちに家を出た。

Kazoku ga okinai uchi ni ie o deta.

I left home before my family didn't get up.

ピザが届いたよ。暖かいうちに食べてね。

Piza ga todoita yo. Atatakai uchi ni tabete ne.

Pizza was delivered. Please eat it before it gets cold.

今日のうちに、宿題をきなさい。

Kyō no uchi ni, shukudai o shinasai.

Do your homework within today.