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### Pattern #3: It is not as if ~~~

### ~~~~ というわけでもない

Kenji: Oh man, I give up! - -;; I'll never become a native speaker of English. Why even bother studying??

ケンジ：もうだめだ、もう諦めた！俺じゃネイティブにはなれないよ。こんなに勉強するって意味あるかな？

Miho: Why are you getting so stressed out about it? **It's not as if** you're going to live abroad for the rest of your life.

If you're studying English as a hobby, you don't need to become a native speaker. Just go at your own pace. ^^

ミホ：なんでそんなにストレス感じるの？一生海外で暮らすわけじゃないでしょ？趣味で英語勉強するなら、ネイティブになる必要はないわ。自分のペースで進めればいいのよ。

Kenji: Why did you pack 3 suitcases for the trip?? **It's not as if** we're going to stay there for months. We're only going to be away for a week! - -;;

ケンジ：なんで旅行にスーツケースを3つも詰めたの？何ヶ月も滞在するわけじゃないんだから。たった1週間だけでしょう？

Miho: Oh, I know... but every time I think I'm finished packing, I suddenly remember something else I need to bring. ^^;;

ミホ：分かるけど、やっと荷造りが終わったと思ったら、また持っていかなきゃいけないもの、急に思い出しちゃうんだよね。

Kenji: Yeah, but do you really NEED to bring all that stuff with you? It's only a week-long vacation, right?

ケンジ：でも、そんなにたくさん持っていく必要がある？たった1週間の休暇でしょ？

Miho: You're right. I probably won't need all this stuff, but you never know. Some of this stuff may come in handy.

ミホ：確かに。全部は使わないかもしれないけど、もしかしたら役に立つかもしれないよ。

I don't know why I always order so much food whenever I eat out. **It's not as if** I can finish it all. - -;;

外食するたびに、どうしてこんなにたくさん注文してしまうのか分からない。全部食べきれないし。

Miho: Kenji, I'm really nervous about my entrance-exam tomorrow. I know what you're going to say: **it's not as if** the world is going to end if I fail the exam. But still, I really want to get into that university.

ミホ：ケンジ君、明日の入試がすごく緊張するの。ケンジがいつも言うのは分かってるわ。「試験に落ちたって世界が終わるわけじゃないしね」って。でも、どうしてもあの大学に入りたいの。

Kenji: I swear, you are such a stress-case. Who cares whether or not you get into that university. There are lots of other schools, you know? You always get obsessed with little things. - - ;;

ケンジ：本当に、君ってストレス溜まりやすいよね。あの大学に受かろうが受からまいが、別にどうでもいいじゃん。他にもたくさん学校あるんだぞ？ 君っていつも些細なことにこだわるからな。

Miho: I get obsessed?? EXCUSE ME?? How about you?? You spend 3 hours at the gym every day, and you waste another 3 hours admiring yourself in the mirror. **It's not as if** you're going to be male-model. Why are you so obsessed with your appearance?

ミホ：こっちのほうがいっぱひ執着しちゃうって？ えっ、ちょっとアンタ！ じゃ、君はどう？！ 毎日ジムで3時間も長々トレーニングして、さらに3時間は鏡の前で自分の姿に感心しやがって時間を無駄にしてる。男性モデルになるわけでもないくせに、なんでそんなに自分の外見にこだわるの？

Kenji: Okay, okay... good point. **It's not as if** this argument is going anywhere. Let's just stop.

ケンジ：わかった、わかった、ごめん...君の言う通りだよ。口喧嘩してもしようがないから、もうやめよう。

Miho: Umm, Kenji?

ミホ：えっと、あの。。。ケンジ君？

Kenji: .....

ケンジ：.....

Miho: Kenji?! I'm trying to have a conversation with you. Can you put your mirror down and look at me??

ミホ：ケンジ君ったら！？ これ真面目な話だよ。ちょっと、その鏡を置いておいて、こっち向いてくれる??

Kenji: Oh, sorry... ^^;;

ケンジ：あっ、ごめん...

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What's the point of working so hard for a higher salary? **It's not as if** I have time to spend it. - - ;;  
給料を上げるためにこんなに頑張りすぎるって、意味あるの？その金を使う暇があるわけでもないしね。

Why do you always waste money on the latest exercise equipment? **It's not as if** you ever use it.  
どうしていつも最新の運動器具に無駄金を使うの？全然使っていないのに。

I had a fight with my partner the other day, but I'm not too worried. **It's not as if** we're going to break up. All couples have arguments. ^^  
この間、恋人と喧嘩しちゃったんだけど、そんなに心配してないよ。（だからって、）別れるわけじゃないし。どんなカップルでも喧嘩はするものだよね。

My boss criticized my work yesterday. I didn't take it personally, though. **It's not as if** he dislikes me. He just wants to help me do better.  
昨日、上司に仕事のことを批判されちゃった。でも、傷ついたり、凹んじゃったりはしていない。上司は私を嫌っているわけではなく、ただ私をもっとうまくやれるように手助けしたいだけなんだ。

Why do I need to pressure myself to be perfect all the time? **It's not as if** I'm God. ^^ I have the right to make mistakes, like any person.  
私って、なぜいつも完璧でいなきゃいけないって自分にプレッシャーをかけなきゃいけないの？別に神様じゃないんだから。（神様じゃあるまいし）。どの人間と同じように、私にも、たまにはミスをしちゃう権利はあるのさ。

I sold all of my old textbooks from university. They were just taking up space, and **it's not as if** I am ever going to use them again.  
大学時代の古い教科書は全部売りました。ただ場所を取っているだけで、もう二度と使うことはないですからね。

Pattern #3 – Quiz:  
It is not as if ~~~

1. なぜ彼は試験に落ちたことにそんなにショックを受けているんだろう？別に一生懸命勉強したわけでもないのに。彼がこうなっちゃうと分かっていたぜ。（＝この結果が予想済みだった）
2. いったい何で君の車を今夜貸してくれないの？ --;; 君って、車使うつもりはないのに。
3. その仕事に就けなかったからといって、そんなに落ち込まないで。他に良い仕事がないわけでもないし。
4. 俺って、自分の問題について愚痴を言うのはもうやめよう。自分の人生で全てがうまくいっていないわけじゃない。感謝すべきことはまだたくさんある。^^
5. ナンシーはジュリーの歌をバカにするのをやめるべきだ。ナンシーがジュリーよりうまく歌えるわけでもないんだから。
6. 何か習い事でもやってみたらどう？君、週末は他に何かすることがあるわけでもないし。いつも一日中家でスマホをいじってるだけでしょう？
7. 彼、無駄なものにどれだけお金を使うのか信じられないよ。大金を稼いでいるわけでもないのに。
8. 彼女の悪口は気にしないことにした。どうせ、もう二度と彼女に会うことはないだろうし。許して忘れよう。^^

### Pattern #3 – Answers:

#### It is not as if ~~~

1. Why is he so shocked about failing the test? **It's not as if** he studied really hard. I knew this would happen.
2. Why won't you let me borrow your car tonight? - -;; **It's not as if** you plan to use it.
3. Don't feel so bad about not getting that job. **It's not as if** there aren't any other good jobs out there.
4. I should stop complaining about my problems. **It's not as if** everything is going badly in my life. There are many things that I should be grateful for. ^^
5. Nancy should stop making fun of Julie's singing. **It's not as if** Nancy is any better than her.
6. Maybe you should try taking a class or something? **It's not as if** you have anything else to do on weekends. You just sit around the house and play with your smartphone all day.
7. I can't believe how much money he spends on useless things. **It's not as if** he makes tons of money.
8. I decided not to let her criticism bother me. **It's not as if** I will ever see her again. Forgive and forget. ^^

## *Bonus Activity: What Would You Do?*

- 1. Your friend needs money to buy a gift for his partner. They ask you to lend them some.*
- 2. You are offered a job at a big company, but you would need to start right away. This means that you would need to quit school now without graduating.*
- 3. You have a partner who wants to get married now. But you have been offered a chance to study abroad and maybe work there.*

*Express your opinion, and ask each other's opinions:*

*What would you do? Why?*

*I would do <decision> because <reason>.*

*What do you think about my decision?*

*Are there any down-sides to your decision?*

*Can you think of a third option that would be best?*

*Have you ever experienced this?*

## *Discussion Notes*

# Homework

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