



Pattern #10: Suppose you ... / What would you ... ? / Would you ... ? (あなたが…だったと仮定しましょう / あなたは何を…か? / 貴方は…しますか?)

Suppose you were extremely rich. What would you buy? Would you buy a new house? あなたが大金持ちだったとしましょう。何を買いますか?新しい家を買いますか?

Suppose you were a genius. What kind of problems would you solve? For example, would you solve the problem of homelessness? あなたが天才だったとしよう。どんな問題を解決しますか?例えば、ホームレス問題を解決するでしょうか?

Suppose you were starving for food. What would you <u>order</u> first at a restaurant? Would you <u>order</u> something tasty or something healthy? めっちゃお腹が空いている**としよう**。レストランでまず**何を注文しますか**?美味しいものを**注文しますか**、それともヘルシーなものを**注文しますか**?

Suppose you were very happy about something. How would you celebrate? Would you throw a big party with all your friends? 何かとても嬉しいこと**があったとしよう。どのように祝いますか**?友達全員を集めて盛大なパーティー**を開きますか**?

Suppose you were worried about the future. Who would you talk to? Would you talk to your friends, or would you consult your parents? 将来について不安があるとしよう。誰に相談しますか?友達に相談しますか?それとも両親に相談しますか?

Suppose you were busy with exam-studies. When would you go to bed? Would you stay up all night to study for your test? あなたが試験勉強で忙しいと仮定しよう。いつ寝ますか?試験勉強のために徹夜しますか?

Suppose you met a really nice person for the first time. What would you talk with them about? Would you discuss politics or poetry? 初めてとても素敵な人に出会ったとしましょう。どんな話をしますか?政治について語りますか?それとも詩について語りますか?

Suppose you wanted to watch a movie with your partner. What would you watch at the theatre? Would you watch an action flick or a romance? 恋人と映画を見たいとしましょう。映画館では何を観ますか?アクション映画、それともロマンス映画を観ますか?

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Suppose you went out for a bite with your friends. What would you eat? Would you go to a fancy restaurant or a fast-food joint? 友達と外食に出かけたとしましょう。何を食べますか?高級レストランに行きます?それともファストフード店に行きます?

Suppose you felt stressed-out because of school-work. Where would you go to relax? Would you go to the park and read a good book? 学校の勉強でストレス**を感じているとしましょう**。リラックスするために**どこへ行きますか**?公園**に行って**、良い本を**読みますか**?

Suppose you <u>decided</u> to study abroad. Why would you go to a different country to study? Would you <u>do</u> it to meet new friends? 留学**を決意したとしましょう。なぜ**外国へ**留学するのでしょうか**?新しい友達に出会うために**するのでしょうか**?

Kenji: Suppose you had to choose between a life of extreme wealth or a life full of love. Which life would you choose?

健二:**もし、君が**富裕な人生と愛に満ちた人生のどちらか**を選ばなければならないとしたら**、どちらを選ぶ?

Miho: Hmm... that's a tough one. I mean... I want both wealth and love. ^^;; Hahaha.. No, but seriously... I would choose a life full of love.

美保:うーん…難しいね。だって…富も愛も欲しいだから。ハハハ… いや、でもマジで… 愛に満ちた人生を選ぶの。

Kenji: Would you choose to give up financial stability in order to be loved by someone? Suppose that person was super poor. Would you still make the same choice?

健二:誰かに愛されるために、経済的な安定**を手放すことを選ぶわけ?もしその人が**超貧乏**だったとしたら**、それでも同じ**選択をする**?

Miho: God, you always ask me these super philosophical questions, and it drives me crazy! - -;; I don't know... well... It's a hard question to answer because people need a minimum amount of wealth in order to survive, right? But in my case, I would still choose a life of love. What's the point of having a lot of money if you have nobody to share it with? Suppose I got really ill. Would money take care of me? No way. In such a case, what would help me get better? Only a person's love would help me heal and recover. What do you think?

美保:ああ、いつもめっちゃ哲学的な質問ばかりで、本当に頭がおかしくなりそう!わからないよ…うーん…答えるのは難しい質問だよね。だって、人は生きていくために最低限の財産は必要でしょう?でも、私だったらやっぱり愛のある人生を選ぶわ。お金をたくさん持っていても、それを分かち合う人がいないなら、何の意味があるんだろう?もし私が重病になったら、お金が私の面倒を見てくれるだろうか?そんなわけない。そんな時、何が私を助けてくれると思う?人の愛だけが、私を癒し、回復させてくれるのよ。どう思う?

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Miho: Okay, it's my turn to ask you. Suppose you won a million dollars in the lottery. What would you buy with all that money? ^^ 美保: さて、次は私が質問する番だよ。もし宝くじで100万ドル当たったら、そのお金で何を買う?

Kenji: I would buy a solid-gold iPhone! I would feel like a king, even when playing with my phone. Think about it! It's the height of luxury!

健二:純金のスマホを買うよ!スマホいじっている時でさえ、王様気分になれる。想像してみて!まさに贅沢の極みだぜ~!

Miho: right... okay. - -;; Would you buy a platinum case for it too? Hahaha...

美保:......そ、そう...わかった。プラチナのスマホ・ケースも買うの?ははは...

Kenji: No, that would be a bit too decadent for me. But seriously, I think I would use that money to start my own research organization.

健二:いや、それはちょっと贅沢すぎるかな。でも、真面目な話、そのお金で自分の研究機関を立ち上げてみたいな。

Miho: Research? You? ^^;; But you hate studying, right? I never expected this. So, suppose you <u>did</u> that. What kind of research would you <u>do</u>? 美保:研究? あなたが?でも、勉強嫌いでしょ?まさかこんな返事が返ってくるとは。じゃ、**もし君が**それを**やるとしたら**、**どんな**研究**をする**?

Kenji: I would try to help the visually impaired. In other words, I would try to find a way to help blind people see the world.

健二:視覚障害者を助けたいと思う。つまり、目の見えない人たちが世界を見ることができるように、何か方法を見つけたいと思っている。

Miho: Would you develop some kind of assistive-device that helps blind people see? Is that what you mean? How would you do that?

美保:目の不自由な人の視覚を助ける補助装置**を開発するつもり**?そういう意味?どういうふうに開発するの?

Kenji: For example, there are many blind animals in the ocean who get around fine on their own. Suppose you <u>lived</u> deep in the ocean, where sunlight doesn't reach. It's pitch black, so your sense of sight is completely useless. How would you move around?

健二:例えば、海には目が見えない動物がたくさんいるが、それでも自由に移動できるよ。**もし君が**海の深いところ、太陽の光が届かない真っ暗なところ**に住んでいたら**、視覚は全く役に立たないだろう。その場合、**どうやって移動すると思う**?

Miho: Oh, I know! ^^ I would use sonar technology to get around. I would emit sound-waves and bounce them off my surroundings. In this way, I would be able to judge the distance between myself and other objects. Many deep-sea creatures have this ability, right?

美保:あ、わかった!移動にはソナー技術を使うの。音波を出して、それを周囲に反射させるの。そうすることで、自分と他の物体との距離を判断できるの。深海生物にはそういう能力を持っているのが多いよね?

Kenji: Exactly! ^^ Suppose we <u>developed</u> a sonar-device that connected directly to our brains. The blind could use sound to "see" the world. 健二:その通り!脳に直接接続するソナー装置**が開発されたら**、目の見えない人も音を使って世界を「見る」ことができるようになるだろう。

Pattern #10 – Quiz: Suppose you ... / What would you ... ? / Would you ... ?

- 1. 過去に戻って人生をもう一度生き直せたとしましょう。今度は何を変えますか?大学の専攻を変えますか?全く違うキャリアを追求しますか?違う人と結婚しますか?どんな過ちを正しますか?過去に見逃した機会の中で、今度はどんな機会を絶対に見逃さないでしょうか?
- 2. 民族平等と並んで、民族アイデンティティの概念が昨今注目を集めています。あなたが自分の人種や国籍を変えたとしましょう。どう感じるでしょうか?今よりも幸せになれるでしょうか?外見や国籍を変えたら、他人にもっと敬意を持って扱われるようになるでしょうか?そもそも、民族アイデンティティとは何でしょうか?結局、私たちは皆、様々な民族の混血ではないでしょうか?「純血の人種や民族」とは存在するの?
- 3. 倫理の概念はそれほど白黒はっきりしたものではありません。「正しい」と「間違っている」という絶対的で普遍的な定義はあるのでしょうか?それとも、倫理的行動と非倫理的行動について、人それぞれに独自の考えがあるのでしょうか?例えば、路上でホームレスの人があなたに近づいてきたとしましょう。その人は、お金も家も家族もないとあなたに言ったとしましょう。そして、生活が落ち着くまであなたの家に住まわせてほしいと懇願したとしましょう。あなたの家に空き部屋がたまたまあるとしましょう。あなたはこの人を一緒に住まわせますか?もしそうなら、どれだけの支援を提供しますか?食事や衣服も提供しますか?仕事や友達を見つけるのを手伝いますか?あなたの家に入れるほどその人を信頼できますか?どれくらいの期間、一緒に住まわせますか?永遠に?さて、もしあなたがこの人をあなたの家に住まわせないことを選んだとしましょう。そのあなたは「悪い」人だと見なされるでしょうか?ホームレスの人を助けなかったことで罪悪感を覚えるでしょうか?罪悪感を抱かないで済むために、自分の決断をどう正当化しますか?あなたがホームレスだったとしましょう。誰に頼りますか?

Pattern #10 – Quiz Answers: Suppose you ... / What would you ... ? / Would you ... ?

- 1. Suppose you traveled back in time and relived your life. What would you do differently this time? Would you change your major at university? Would you pursue a completely different career? Would you marry a different person? What mistakes would you correct? What missed opportunities would you take advantage of this time?
- 2. Along with ethnic-equality, the concept of ethnic-identity has become a hot-topic nowadays. Suppose you changed your ethnicity to something different. How would you feel? Would you be happier than now? Would you be treated with more respect if you changed your physical appearance or nationality? Afterall, what is ethnic-identity? Aren't we all a blend of various ethnicities? Is there such as thing as "pure ethnicity"?
- 3. The concept of ethics is not so black-and-white. Is there an absolute and universal definition of "right" and "wrong"? Or does everyone have their own individual idea of ethical and unethical behaviour? For example, suppose a homeless person approached you on the street. Suppose this person told you that they have no money, no home, and no family. Suppose this person begged you to let them stay in your house until they get their life sorted out. Suppose that you had an empty room in your house. Would you let this person live with you? If so, how much support would you offer them? Would you feed and clothe them as well? Would you help them find a job and friends? Would you trust them enough to let them into your private home? How long would you let them live with you? Forever? Now, suppose you chose not to let this person move in with you. Would you be considered to be a "bad" person? Would you feel guilty about not helping the homeless person? How would you justify your decision so that you would not have a guilty conscience? Suppose you were homeless. Who would you turn to?

