

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 order first at a restaurant? Would you order 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か? それともファストフード店に行きますか?

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 decided to study abroad. **Why would you go** to a different country to study? **Would you do** 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、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、そのお金で何をかう?

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: 純金のスマホをかうよ! スマホいじっている時でさえ、王様気分になれる。想像してみてください! 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・ケースもかうの? 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 did** that. **What kind of research would you do?**

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、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? どういうふうの開発するの?

Kenji: For example, there are many blind animals in the ocean who get around fine on their own. **Suppose you lived** 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 developed** 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。