

Lesson 76: 相手の状況に配慮するワンクッション

I'm sorry to bother you, but

A: I don't mean to bother you, but do you know what time the store closes?

B: I think it closes at nine.

A: Great, so we still have some time.

B: Yes, no need to rush.

Sorry to interrupt, but

A: Sorry to interrupt, but do you have a minute?

B: Yes, what do you need?

A: I wanted to clarify tomorrow's schedule.

B: Thanks for checking. I'll explain it now.

I know you are busy, but

A: I know you're busy, but this is important.

B: Everything is important.

A: True... but this one involves coffee.

B: Okay, now you have my attention.

idiom

off the chain

Meaning: If something is **off the chain**, it is extremely good, exciting, impressive, or intense.

Example: The concert of Bruno Mars was **off the chain**.

The restaurant we went to last night was **off the chain**.

Lesson 76: 依頼の台本 1: 依頼の基本パターン

Would you mind lending me a hand

A: Would you mind lending me a hand here?

B: Sure, what's up?

A: This box is heavier than it looks.

B: Yeah, it doesn't look friendly.

Would it be possible for you to

A: Would it be possible for you to reschedule the meeting?

B: Let me check my calendar.

A: Any time this week would work for me.

B: Thursday afternoon should be fine.

Is there any chance ~ ?

A: Is there any chance that you could review my essay?

B: I might be able to.

A: Whenever you have time is fine.

B: All right, I'll look at it this week.