

Lesson 78: 依頼の台本 2: 事情を話して頼み事をする

I hate to trouble you, but

A: I hate to trouble you, but could you look over this report before I submit it?

B: Of course. When do you need it checked by?

A: If possible, by this afternoon. I hate to trouble you again, but the deadline is today.

B: No worries. I'll take a look right after lunch.

A: I hate to trouble you, but could I ask you a quick question about today's lesson?

B: Sure, go ahead. What is it?

A: I hate to trouble you again, but I didn't quite understand the last part.

B: That's okay. Let me explain it one more time.

Would it be OK if

A: Would it be OK if I asked you a question after class?

B: Of course. I'll be free then.

A: Thank you. I don't want to take up too much of your time now.

B: That's fine. I'm happy to help.

A: Would it be OK if I asked you a question after class—before my brain completely shuts down?

B: Haha, sure. Let's catch it while it's still working.

A: Thanks! It's hanging on by a thread right now.

B: No worries. We'll rescue it in time.

idiom

on the ball

If you're **on the ball**, it means that you're very quick to understand things or react quickly (and correctly) to a situation.

Example: Our new assistant is very **on the ball** and learns quickly.

He was **on the ball** enough to notice the mistake before it became a problem.

Lesson 79: 依頼の台本 3: 事前の感謝を伝える

I'd be very grateful.

A: I'd be grateful if you could let us know in advance when your child will be absent.

B: Of course. We'll make sure to inform you.

We'd be much obliged.

A: Could you let us know the final schedule by Friday?

B: Yes, I'll send it to you by then.

A: Thank you. **We'd be much obliged.**

B: You're very welcome. I'm happy to help.

I would really appreciate it.

A: I would really appreciate it if you could help me with this math problem—my calculator is judging me.

B: Haha, sure. Let's show it who's boss.

A: Thank you. Numbers and I are not on speaking terms today.

B: Don't worry. I'll translate them for you.