

Lesson 81 発言を遮る①: ソフトに遮る

Excuse me, but could I say something here?

A: Excuse me, but could I say something here? I think there's been a misunderstanding.

B: Oh? What do you mean?

A: I wasn't informed about that decision.

B: I see. Thanks for pointing that out.

Can I just jump in for a second?

A: The main character changes his mind at the end of the story.

B: Can I just jump in for a second?

A: Yes, what do you think?

B: I felt he was already changing earlier in the story.

Do you mind if I add something here?

A: Everyone seems to agree with the decision.

B: Do you mind if I add something here?

A: Of course not.

B: Some people might still have concerns.

idiom

face the music

Meaning: to accept and deal with the unpleasant consequences of one's actions or decisions, instead of avoiding them.

Example: He skipped the meeting, and now he has to **face the music**.

It's time to **face the music** and admit what went wrong.

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Just a minute

A: Let's submit the report today.

B: Just a minute—can we double-check the numbers?

A: Oh, good idea.

B: I think there's a small mistake here.

Before you go any further

A: I'll continue with my presentation.

B: Before you go any further, may I make one small suggestion?

A: Certainly.

B: Maybe we should start with the conclusion.

Will you please give someone else a chance to speak?

A: I think my idea is the best solution, and let me explain why in more detail...

B: Will you please give someone else a chance to speak?

A: Oh, sorry about that.

B: Thanks. Let's hear what others think.