

Unit 1

Personal Correspondence (1)

Part 1: Listening Section

Warm Up!



- まず、本文を聞いてください。
- 次に質問を聞き、適切な答えを選択肢 (a)~(d) より選んでください。
(a) rainy (b) cloudy (c) windy (d) sunny

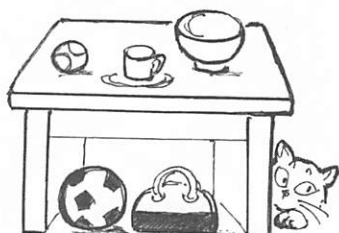
《解説と解答》

これは東京に着いた話者が東京以外の土地にいる親しい人（家族・友人）にあてた声のメッセージです。留守番電話 (answering machine) に録音されていたのかもしれませんが。

質問は “How is the weather in Tokyo?” と、東京の天気をたずねています。メッセージを発信した話者は、“Right now I’m in a hotel room in Tokyo.” 「今、東京のホテルの部屋にいる。」と言った後、“It is nice and warm here.” 「こちらでは、いい天気で暖かいよ。」と続けているので、東京の天気は (d) の sunny になります。

Exercise 1: Look at the picture and map below. Then listen to the questions about them. Choose the best answer.

(A)



- (a) under the desk (b) on the desk
(c) above the desk (d) in the desk
- (a) under the desk (b) on the desk
(c) on the wall (d) next to the desk

(B)




- (a) below California (b) next to Wyoming
(c) above New Mexico (d) below Utah
- (a) along the Pacific (b) next to Utah
(c) below New Mexico (d) above Texas

 **Exercise 2:** Listen to the questions and choose the best response below.


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| <p>1. Question: _____</p> <p>(a) I like it very much.</p> <p>(b) I'm fine, thank you.</p> <p>(c) It's sunny, but windy.</p> <p>(d) It sounds like fun.</p> | <p>2. Question: _____</p> <p>(a) He went skiing.</p> <p>(b) He is a doctor.</p> <p>(c) He is watching TV.</p> <p>(d) He doesn't study.</p> |
| <p>3. Question: _____</p> <p>(a) He leaves for London tomorrow.</p> <p>(b) He is leaning against the wall.</p> <p>(c) He lives in a dormitory.</p> <p>(d) He died a few years ago.</p> | <p>4. Question: _____</p> <p>(a) She arrived from Seattle.</p> <p>(b) She lives on her own.</p> <p>(c) It takes her half an hour by train.</p> <p>(d) She comes from San Francisco.</p> |

 **Exercise 3:** Listen and fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

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1. Susan is an _____ at a university in Osaka.
2. She has a _____ named Kathy.
3. Kathy and Susan both _____ Chicago, Illinois.
4. Kathy lives in a _____ on campus.
5. Susan lives in an _____ off campus.
6. Susan's bed is very _____.
7. The view from her apartment window is _____.

 **Exercise 4:** Listen to the passage. Then read the sentences below. Write **T** if the sentence is **TRUE**, **F** if it is **FALSE**.

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- _____ 1. Jennifer is starting a new job at a college in Japan.
- _____ 2. It is the first week of classes.
- _____ 3. Jennifer is an exchange student.
- _____ 4. Heidi comes from Sweden.
- _____ 5. Both Jennifer and Heidi live in a dormitory.
- _____ 6. Jennifer's room is quite big.
- _____ 7. Jennifer's chair is a little uncomfortable.
- _____ 8. Jennifer likes to look at the cherry blossoms on her way to school.

Part 2: Grammar Section

Present, Present Progressive (現在形・現在進行形 1)

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() に入れるのに最適な表現を1つ選んでください。

A. Robert () to his parents almost once a week these days.

B. Now he () to them about his vacation.

1. write 2. writes 3. is writing 4. writing

《解説と解答》

Aの文は「近頃ロバートはほとんど毎週一回両親に手紙を書く。」という意味ですから、()には 2. writes が入ります。このように動詞の現在形は、主に現在の事実や性質・状態・習慣などを示すのに用いられます。

主語が I, we, you 以外（これを三人称と言います）の単数で動詞が現在形であれば、上の writes の例のように動詞に s を付けなければならないので、1. は不適当です。また、今現に進行している動作を表すときには、am/are/is に動詞の -ing 形が続く現在進行形を用います。

Bの文では「今、彼は両親に休暇のことを書いています。」と、冒頭に now という言葉がありますから、進行している動作を表し、正解は 3. is writing になります。4. は動詞の -ing 形だけなので間違いです。

Sometimes Robert's parents talk with him on the phone. 「時にはロバートの両親は彼と電話で話をします。」の文におけるように、動きを表す動詞（動作動詞）が、繰り返して行われる習慣的な動作を示す時には、その文中に usually, often, every day, never などの頻度を示す語句がよく使われます。

Exercise 5: Fill in the blanks in these sentences with one of the choices below.

- At 73, Robert's father is still in good condition. He usually _____ about ten miles every week.
(a) walk (b) walks (c) is walking (d) are walking
- Hey, look at that man over there! He _____ to open your car door.
(a) tries (b) want (c) is trying (d) is wanting
- This year the Wilsons _____ in Australia. We just received a letter from them from Sydney.
(a) is traveling (b) are traveling (c) travel (d) to travel

4. Catherine is a busy person. She often works late at the office. Sometimes she _____ there until 9 p.m.
 (a) is staying (b) stay (c) stayed (d) stays
5. Can you hear those people talking over in that corner? What _____ about?
 (a) do they talk (b) will they talk (c) are they talking (d) did they talk
6. I'm sorry I _____ to you as often as I should.
 (a) write (b) am writing (c) wrote (d) don't write
7. Alaska is located in the northern part of North America. It is a very cold place. In fact, most of Alaska's lakes _____ during the winter.
 (a) are freezing (b) freezing (c) freeze (d) froze
8. At the moment Margaret _____ a friend in Seattle.
 (a) visits (b) is visiting (c) visited (d) has visited

Exercise 6: Fill in the blanks in the passage below with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. The first one is done for you.

Carl (be) is an employee of an American company. He (come) _____ from San Diego, California. At the moment he (stay) _____ in Paris, where his company recently opened its first office in Europe. Carl (be) _____ the office manager. He (have) _____ an assistant named Terry Anderson.

These days Carl (work) _____ on an important project for the company. Right now he (give) _____ interviews to hire new employees for the project.

Later on, he plans to take a short vacation. He (want) _____ to return home to visit his parents. He (look) _____ forward to seeing them again.

Part 3: Reading Section

Personal Correspondence (1): 私信を読む上でのポイント

私信に限らず、手紙には大きく分けて、次のような要素があります。

1. Date (日付)

通常手紙の右端上隅に書きます。

アメリカ式では Month (月) Day (日) Year (年) の順 (例: April 1, 2011 あるいは 4/1/2011)

イギリス式では Day (日) Month (月) Year (年) の順 (例: 1st April, 2011 あるいは 1/4/2011)

2. Salutation (敬辞)

これは手紙の書き出しの挨拶の言葉で、日本の手紙の「拝啓」「前略」などにあたります。

書き方は、相手との親密さ、人間関係によって異なります。

Dear Mr. Hamilton (目上の人などに丁寧に) My dear Mother (母親に親しみを込めて)

Dearest Michael (親しみの最上級) My dear Mary (親しい間柄に)

3. Body (本文)

公式の手紙や商業取引文と違い、Personal Correspondence (私信) では決まった規則はありません。

4. Closing (結辞)

署名の前の結びの挨拶で、日本の手紙の「敬具」「草々」などにあたります。

比較的丁寧な Sincerely yours, Best regards や、くだけた Love などがあります。


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封筒の書き方は、1. 差出人名前・住所は左上、2. 宛名・宛先住所は中央、3. 切手は右上、となります。では、下の手紙はどこの誰から、どこの誰に宛てたものでしょう。

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《解答》

日本国 郵便番号 540-0002 大阪市中央区大阪城 1-1-3 のトヨタミ・ヒデオ氏よりアメリカ合衆国 郵便番号 (zip code と言います) 20500 ワシントンDC ペンシルベニア通り 1600 番のジョー・G・ワシントン氏に宛てたものです。架空の手紙ですが、わかりましたか?

 **Exercise 7:** Read the following letter and answer the questions below.

1-7

July 8, 2011

Dear Mom and Dad,

Greetings from Germany! I'm having a great time teaching at the Landsberger Language School. It is the third week of classes now. My roommate Jack is also a new teacher at our school. He is from Boston, too! He is a really nice person, and a very interesting instructor.

Our apartment is pretty small. My bed is not so comfortable. I'm going to get a better one as soon as I can. The view from the window is pleasant, and the weather is wonderful. It's sunny and warm, just like in Boston at this time of year.

Please say "Hi" to little Billy for me. I miss all of you very much.

Love,
Harry

1. Who is Harry writing to?

- (a) his roommate (b) a high school friend (c) his parents (d) his brother in Paris

2. Where does Harry teach?

- (a) in Boston (b) in Germany (c) in a high school (d) in a university

3. What does Harry think of his roommate, Jack?

- (a) Jack is from Boston, too. (b) Jack is a nice person and good teacher.
(c) Jack is not so interesting. (d) He wants a better one.

4. What is Harry going to do about his bed?

- (a) get another one (b) get used to it
(c) put it on the floor (d) bring his own bed from home

5. Who, probably, is Billy?

- (a) Harry's first roommate (b) Harry's brother
(c) Jack's brother (d) Harry's father

6. In the context of the passage, pleasant means _____.

- (a) gift (b) irritating (c) lovely (d) familiar