

## Situational Usage

What would you say in the following situations?

1. Your colleague asks you why you want to leave the office early. Explain it is that you have a fever and cough.
2. Your colleague looks very tired and you are concerned. Ask what happened to her.
3. You went to a department store to buy a new dress. You found one you like, but you didn't buy it because it was too expensive. Explain your friend why you didn't buy it.
4. Your colleague caught a cold and was absent from work yesterday. He comes to work today, but he is still sick. Give him advice to drink orange juice everyday.
5. Your colleague likes drinking and tends to drink too much. Give him advice not drink too much.
6. Your friend is concerned because you look depressed. Explain it is that you just broke up with your boyfriend.
7. Ask your acquaintance what she is interested in.
8. You are not feeling well, and come to see a doctor. Explain it is that you have a headache and sore throat.
9. Tell your teacher that you didn't do homework because you were sick.
10. It is midnight now. Your friend wants to play a computer game with you. Decline his invitation by explaining it is that you must wake up early tomorrow morning.
11. You were asked what kind of person Keiko is. Tell your colleague that she is very popular because she is smart and pretty.
12. Ask your colleague why he was absent from work yesterday.
13. You were invited to a dinner at your boss's house, but you already have a plan. Explain it is that you have a scheduling conflict.
14. Your colleague asked why you decided to marry Yamada. Explain it is that he is a smart and very kind person.
15. Your acquaintance is sick. Tell him to take care. Wish his swift recovery.
16. Tell your neighbor that it will be probably not very cold tomorrow.
17. Tell your colleague that Keiko's boyfriend is probably an office worker.
18. A group of your colleagues went to camping last weekend. Tell your boss that you think that Yamada, one of your colleagues, probably didn't go because she doesn't like outdoor activities ['autodoa' in katakana].
19. Your colleague asked you how Tanaka, another colleague, gave his speech the other day. Tell him that Tanaka had told you that he was nervous, because he had to speak in English.
20. Tell your friend that your grade of Economics class this semester was terrible.
21. Your colleague asked you about your father's trip to America in the near future. Tell your colleague that your father has never been to foreign countries before, so you are worried.
22. Tell your roommate that you think it is probably going to be about 30C (95F) degrees today. Advise her that she should stay in cool place as much as possible.
23. Tell your female colleague that your wife's birthday is coming up. Tell her (it is that) you want to buy something fantastic and ask her what would be good as a present.

24. Your colleague asked you what she should wear when she goes to a soccer game. Tell her that she should wear a winter coat because they said that it would become snowy weather this afternoon.
25. Your colleague told you that she would take a bus to Tanaka's office. Tell her that it would be better if she took a subway to Kyoto Station and walk from there.
26. Ask your teacher to teach you the meaning of this word in English.
27. Ask your friend why you broke up with your boyfriend.
28. Your colleague did not come to the meeting. Ask him whether he had some business to take care of.
29. Tell your roommate who is about to leave that the weather forecast said that it would be cloudy or rain tonight so she should bring an umbrella with her.
30. Ask your supervisor if you have to come early tomorrow.
31. Your acquaintance asked you if you went to the store yesterday. Tell him that you didn't because yesterday was a holiday.
32. Your acquaintance asked you if it was sunny in Osaka yesterday. Tell him that it probably was cloudy.

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