

Everyday Dilemmas

Key Vocabulary

- **dilemma** (noun)
 - *Meaning:* A situation where you have to make a difficult choice.
 - *Example:* I have a **dilemma**: I was invited to two parties on the same night.

Key Phrases for Giving Advice

- **If I were in your shoes, I would...**
 - *Meaning:* A way to give advice by imagining you are in the same situation.
 - *Example:* **If I were in your shoes, I would** talk to my neighbor directly.
- **Have you considered...?** (use with an -ing verb)
 - *Meaning:* A polite way to suggest an idea.
 - *Example:* **Have you considered** sending a polite message?
- **It might be a good idea to...**
 - *Meaning:* A soft, gentle way to give a suggestion.
 - *Example:* **It might be a good idea to** talk to the other group members first.

Key Phrase for Discussing Pros & Cons

- **On the one hand, ... but on the other hand, ...**
 - *Meaning:* A phrase to show two different sides of an issue.
 - *Example:* **On the one hand**, talking to him is direct. **On the other hand**, it could be awkward.

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1. What part of today's lesson did you enjoy the most?

2. Was today's lesson: (Please circle one)

Too Difficult / Just Right / Too Easy

3. Was the vocabulary: (Please circle one)

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4. Any other comments or suggestions for future lessons? (Optional: Write in English or Japanese)

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- 1. The Dinner Party Dilemma:** You invited two of your good friends to your home for a dinner party. Today, you found out that they had a big argument last month and are not speaking to each other. What do you do?
- 2. The Loud Neighbor Dilemma:** You live in an apartment. Your upstairs neighbor plays loud music late every night, and it's making it difficult for you to sleep. You have never met them before. What do you do?
- 3. The Community Event Dilemma:** You are part of a volunteer group planning a local community event (like a summer festival or a park cleanup). One member of your team is not doing their share of the work, and the event is only a few weeks away. The success of the event depends on everyone contributing. What do you do?
- 4. The Expensive Invitation Dilemma:** Your group of friends invites you to a very nice, expensive restaurant for a birthday dinner. You are trying to save money this month and cannot afford it, but you don't want to explain your financial situation to everyone. What do you do?
- 5. The Honest Opinion Dilemma:** Your good friend is very excited about their new hobby: painting. They show you their newest painting and ask for your honest opinion. You think the painting is not very good. What do you say?
- 6. The "Gift" Dilemma:** A close relative gave you a very expensive vase for your birthday. You appreciate the thought, but it really doesn't match your home's style and you know you will never display it. They are visiting you next week and will expect to see it. What do you do?
- 7. The Always-Late Friend Dilemma:** You have a friend who you love spending time with, but they are always 20-30 minutes late whenever you plan to meet. It has become very frustrating for you. You are planning to meet them again next week. What do you do?
- 8. The Cafe Mistake Dilemma:** You are at a cafe and you order a regular ¥400 coffee. The new barista is very busy and makes a mistake, giving you a much more expensive ¥650 caramel latte. You realize the mistake after you sit down at your table. What do you do?
- 9. The Hallway Bicycle Dilemma:** You live in an apartment building where the rules clearly state, "No personal items in the common hallways." For the past month, your neighbor has been leaving their child's small bicycle in the hallway. It isn't blocking your way, but it is against the rules. What do you do?
- 10. The Group Chat Dilemma:** You are in a group chat with some friends. One friend frequently sends dozens of messages and photos a day that are not very interesting to you. You want to stay in the group for important announcements, but the constant notifications are annoying. What do you do?