



Giving Opinions

意見を述べる

OBJECTIVES

To give an opinion
意見を述べる

To express understanding
理解していることを伝える

To suggest an alternative
別の選択肢を示す

EXERCISE 1

Role-play : Teacher » Nick / Student » Susan (Switch roles after you read the dialogue)
役割 (講師 » Nick / 生徒 » Susan) にあわせて文章を読みましょう! ダイアログを読んだ後は役割を交代しましょう。

Nick As you know, our annual charity event is coming up soon.
Should we hold it on a Saturday or a Sunday?

Susan **As far as I'm concerned,** Sunday is better.
Saturday doesn't work for me
because I have to take my daughter to soccer practice.
A lot of people in my department also have prior commitments on Saturdays.

Nick **I see what you mean.**
Now, we also have to decide which charity to support.
Do you have any suggestions?

Susan Well, how about donating to the Heart Disease Foundation?

Nick We supported the Heart Disease Foundation last year.
I think we should choose a new charity every year.
Why don't we choose
a children's charity instead of the Heart Disease Foundation this year?

Susan That's a wonderful idea.

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the blanks and read the dialogue.
空欄を埋めて、ダイアログを読みましょう!

Nick As you know, our _____ charity event is coming up soon.
Should we _____ it on a Saturday or a Sunday?

Susan As far as I'm _____, Sunday is better.
Saturday _____ me
because I have to take my daughter to soccer practice.
A lot of people in my _____ also have prior _____ on Saturdays.

Nick I see _____.
Now, we also have to decide which charity to support.
Do you have any _____?

Susan Well, how about _____ to the Heart Disease Foundation?

Nick We supported the Heart Disease Foundation last year.
I think we should choose a new charity _____.
Why don't we choose
a children's charity _____ the Heart Disease Foundation this year?

Susan That's a _____ idea.

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS | 関連情報

Question 1

» What does Nick ask Susan's opinion about?

Answer 1

- a. A soccer game
- b. An event schedule
- c. Her department
- d. The size of a donation

Question 2

» Why does Nick disagree with
Susan's suggestion?

Answer 2

- a. It is too expensive.
- b. It is too difficult.
- c. It is the wrong day.
- d. It is the same as last year.

EXERCISE 3

Practice speaking using the following scenarios.
それぞれの状況に沿って、スピーキングを練習しましょう!

Talk 1

Your company is planning to provide English training for employees.
The training department wants to decide whether to have classes once or twice a week.
In a meeting with the training manager (your teacher),
give your opinion about the schedule.

Talk 2

You work hard but you don't get enough exercise.
You think your company should build a gym in the office.
Discuss this with a colleague (your teacher).

Talk 3

You are planning to take your customer, Mr. Johnson, to dinner.
A colleague (your teacher) suggests an Italian restaurant,
but you took Mr. Johnson to an Italian restaurant last month.
Suggest taking him to a Chinese restaurant.

WORDS & PHRASES | 単・熟語表現の紹介

- » annual / 毎年恒例の、年に一度の » as far as I'm concerned / 私の個人的な意見を言えば、私の考えとしては
» work for ~ / ~に都合がいい » prior commitment / 先約 » I see what you / おっしゃることはわかります
» donate to ~ / ~に寄付する » Why don't we ~ / ~しませんか » instead of ~ / ~でなく

HOMEWORK

Writing 1

Your company is planning to have a company picnic for all employees and their families.
The picnic will be held on either a Saturday or a Sunday next month.
You are free on Sunday,
but you have a regular practice with your volleyball team on Saturdays.
Write an e-mail to your manager about your preference.

Writing 2

Write an e-mail to your travel agent about your trip next week.
She reserved a room at the Palace Inn,
but you told her you wanted to stay at the Grand Plaza.