

Simplifying Difficult Points

難解な点を分かりやすくする

OBJECTIVES

To simplify information
情報を簡略化する

To exclude data
データを除外する

To express general similarities
一般的な類似点について説明する

EXERCISE 1 Read the following article aloud. 次の記事を声に出して読みましょう。

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I'm a real estate analyst at Primo Bank.
It's a pleasure to be here at today's economic conference.
My presentation will focus on housing price changes in the nation's major cities.

First, let's look at the figures for the capital city, Pemberton.
As you can see, average house values have fluctuated a lot in the past two decades.
But **to put it simply, prices today are 30% higher than 20 years ago.**

Next, here's a similar graph for Parksville.
If we exclude the past two years, the change has been very consistent.
Average prices rose steadily from \$280,000 to \$340,000.
As the next two charts show,
the pattern is basically the same for Humber City and San Pedro.
In both cities, prices have gone up steadily over the past 20 years,
except for occasional years where they dropped slightly.

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!

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FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS | 関連情報

Question 1

» How much did house prices increase in Pemberton?

Answer 1

- a. By 20%
- b. By 30%
- c. By 40%
- d. By 80%

Question 2

» What is indicated about house prices in Humber City?

Answer 2

- a. They have decreased in recent years.
- b. They haven't changed recently.
- c. They are higher than in Parksville.
- d. They have increased in the past 20 years.

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

You are giving a presentation on Australia's economy. It has been growing in recent years. This is due to many different factors, but the most basic reason is Australia's natural resources. Resource exports occasionally decrease, but the general trend is up (15% since 10 years ago). Simplify this information for the audience (your teacher).

Talk 2

You work in a human resources department. You interviewed several candidates for an accountant position. You are discussing the candidates with your colleague Jeff (your teacher). Explain that all the candidates have similar qualifications, except for Rose Simon, who has much more experience.

Talk 3

You are presenting some market research results that compare your company's cell phone with two other companies. The results show that consumers like the design and functions of your company's phone, but think it costs too much. These findings were similar for the other two types of phone. Express the similarities to the audience (your teacher).

WORDS & PHRASES

単・熟語表現の紹介

» real estate / 不動産 » nation / 国 » capital / 首都 » fluctuate / 変動する » to put it simply / 簡単に言えば
» exclude / 除外する » consistent / 着実な » occasional / 例外的な、たまの

HOMEWORK

Writing 1

You are a sales representative. Your manager, Amanda Benson, has sent an e-mail asking for your sales results during the past month. Sales have decreased in some areas but increased in other areas. Overall, however, sales are 2% higher than the previous month. Write a reply to your manager and simplify this information.

Writing 2

You are the Asia region manager for a clothing store with branches in Tokyo, Seoul, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Singapore. You are planning to hire more staff at the Tokyo, Seoul, Shanghai, and Singapore branches but not the Hong Kong branch. Write an e-mail to store managers explaining that there will be more hiring in Asia, but exclude the Hong Kong branch.