

Let me take leave, please - Sentence patterns and examples

Class Objective: I am able to understand all the grammar pattern and example Sentences

Concept A: Grammar

• Usage of a Causative

Causative verbs indicate compulsion or permission. A causative sentence is used when the relationship between a senior person and a junior person is very clear (e.g., a parent and child, an elder brother and younger brother, a superior and subordinate, etc.) and the senior person forces the junior person to do a certain act, or allows him to do something. As we saw in the Previous Session, ① and ⑤ are examples of compulsion and ② and ⑥ are those of permission. But when the speaker tells a person from outside his own group that he will make someone from within his group do something, as seen in the example below, the causative sentence is used regardless of their status.

駅(えき)に 着(つ)いたら、お電(でん)話(わ)を ください。

係(かかり)の 者(もの)を 迎(むか)えに 行(い)かせますから。

・・・わかりました。

When you arrive at the station, please call me.

I will send a member of my staff to the station to pick you up.

・・・Thank you.

[Note 1] When a junior person has a senior person do a certain action and the senior versus junior relationship between them is obvious, VてーForm いただきます is used. If the two are equal or the relationship is delicate in terms of which one is senior, VてーForm もらいます is used instead.

1. わたしは 部長(ぶちょう)に 説明(せつめい)して いただきました。

I had the department manager explain it to me.

2. わたしは 友達(ともだち)に 説明(せつめい)して もらいました。

I had my friend explain it to me.

[Note 2] As shown in ① above, a causative verb usually cannot be used to describe a junior person having a senior person do something. However, as can be seen in ② there is an

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