

Episode2-05

ケン 3年生になる

物語本文

Ken stood in front of the big wooden door and knocked.

“Come in,” called a voice from inside.

He opened the door and entered the office.

There were bookshelves along the walls, and the morning sun came in through a tall window.

The principal looked up from behind her desk.

“Have a seat, Ken,” she said.

Ken sat down nervously. He hoped he wasn't in trouble.

“I called you here to talk about your schoolwork,” said the principal.

“Your test scores are excellent, and your English is, too.”

She looked Ken in the eye and smiled.

“From today,” she said, “I'm moving you up to third grade.”

It was the best thing Ken had heard all year.

問題文と選択肢

Why did the principal call Ken to her office?

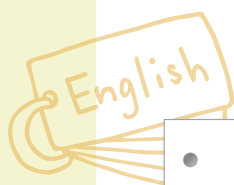
- ① To tell him that he was in trouble.
- ② To give him some good news.
- ③ To ask him an important question.

答え **② To give him some good news.**

ワンポイントアドバイス

校長室に呼ばれ緊張しているケンですが、校長先生はじっと見つめて笑顔で話しかけました。「あなたのテストの成績と英語力について…」一体どのような話がされるのでしょうか。一生懸命にがんばっているケンですので、きっと嬉しいニュースですね!

ここでの重要表現はYour test scores are excellent, and your English is, too. (あなたのテストの成績は素晴らしい、そして英語力も)です。直前に使われた単語が繰り返されるときに「省略」されることが多くあります。ここでも your English is (excellent), too. と補って考えましょう。



エピソード2-05で覚えたい単語

- bookshelves 本棚 (単数形はbookshelf)
- along the walls 壁にそって
- Have a seat. 座ってください
- nervously 緊張して
- He hoped he wasn't in trouble.
(ケンは)問題を起こしていません[叱られません]ように願った。
- schoolwork 学校の勉強
- moving you up to third grade (あなたを)3年生に上げる