

Episode3-02

ミナの訪問

物語本文

One day in late summer, a visitor came to Ken's apartment for dinner. Her name was Mina, and she was from Japan.

"I've lived in Canada for many years," she said to Ken and his sister.

They were happy to meet someone from their home country.

Later, over dessert, Ken's mother spoke. "From now on,"

she said, "Mina will come to our apartment every week.

She's going to teach you Japanese. "

Ken and his sister looked at each other. Japanese?

Ken's father spoke next. "You both have excellent English ability," he said. "But your Japanese reading and writing skills have fallen behind." That night, Ken thought about the situation.

"Why do I need Japanese skills?" he wondered.

"I plan to live in Canada for the rest of my life."

He went to sleep thinking about the future.

問題文と選択肢

Why will Mina come to Ken's apartment every week?

- ① To teach Japanese.
- ② To eat dinner.
- ③ To study English.

答え **① To teach Japanese.**

ワンポイントアドバイス



夏の終わりのある日、ケンのアパートメントに訪問者がやってきました。彼女の名前はミナで、どうやら、これから毎週アパートメントに来るそうです!それを聞いてケンと妹は「なぜ?!」と顔を見合わせてしまいます。いったいミナはケンに何を伝えに来るのでしょうか…。ここでの重要表現は“Why do I need Japanese skills?” he wondered. (なぜ私は日本語の能力が必要なのと、彼は不思議に思いました。) Whyと相手に質問する表現はよくありますが、自問自答のように Why do I need ~?(なぜ私は~する必要があるの?)という表現もありますので覚えましょう。



エピソード3-02で覚えたい単語

- home country 母国
- over dessert デザートを食べながら
- From now on これから
- each other お互い
- both 二人とも
- excellent 素晴らしい
- ability 能力
- have fallen behind (学習が) 遅れてしまった
- about the situation その状況について
- plan to ~するつもり
- the rest of my life 残りの人生
- went to sleep thinking about ~を考えながら眠った