

Episode4-01

嵐の後の比叡山

物語本文

In September, Kyoto was hit by a powerful typhoon. The strong winds and heavy rain caused lots of damage.

After the storm, Ken and his friends went for a hike.

They often hiked together, so they had already climbed most of the mountains around Kyoto.

This time, they decided to climb Mt. Hiei. It was a tough and dangerous challenge. The hiking trail was still wet from the rain and very slippery. Sometimes they had to climb over fallen trees.

When they finally reached the top, they were covered in mud.

“Are you boys OK?” called a voice from the woods.

Ken and his friends looked up and couldn’t believe what they saw.

A group of elderly women stood there, nicely dressed and wearing high-heeled shoes.

“We’re fine, thanks,” Ken answered. “But how did you all get here?”

“Oh, it was easy,” said one of the women. She held up a paper ticket.

“We took the ropeway.”

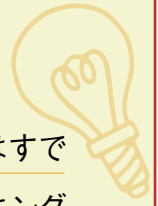
問題文と選択肢

What is one reason that the hike was difficult for Ken and his friends?

- ① They hiked during a typhoon.
- ② It was their first time to climb a mountain.
- ③ The trail was wet.

答え ③ The trail was wet.

ワンポイントアドバイス



ケンと友達と一緒にハイキングによく行き、京都の近くにあるほとんどの山はすでに登っていました。台風が過ぎたある日、今回は比叡山(Hiei-zan)へハイキングに行くことに。しかし、その登山道は台風の被害をたくさん受けていました。雨で濡れたままの滑りやすい道に落ち葉が落ちて、道は泥だらけです。ケンたちも頂上に着く頃には全身泥まみれになっていました。しかし、そこにはきれいな服を着てハイヒールを履いた年配の女性たちがいました。一体どうしてでしょう…。

ここでの重要表現は They often hiked together, so they had already climbed most of the mountains around Kyoto. (彼らと一緒によくハイキングをしました。だから、彼らは京都周辺のほとんどの山々はすでに登っていました。)です。注目したいのは2つの時制です。1つは hiked という過去形で、もう一つは had already climbed という過去完了形です。この2つの時制を比べると過去完了形の方がより以前に起きたできごとを表しています。中学校の学習指導要領には入りませんが覚えておくとよい表現です。



エピソード4-01で覚えるキーワード

- powerful typhoon 非常に強い台風
- winds 風
- heavy rain 大雨
- cause(d) 引き起こした
- damage 被害
- tough 大変な
- challenge 挑戦
- trail (舗装していない)道
- slippery 滑りやすい
- fallen leaves 落ち葉
- finally ついに
- were covered in mud 泥まみれだった
- woods 森
- look(ed) up 見上げた
- what they saw 彼らが見たもの
- elderly women 年配の女性
- nicely dressed きれいな服を着た
- held up 上にあげた
- paper ticket 紙のチケット