

## Episode4-03

### 決意の時 パート1

#### 物語本文

Ken knocked on the door of the school principal's office and then entered. "Good morning, Ken," said the principal. "Have a seat."

Ken sat down on a sofa. It was March, and Ken's second year of junior high school was coming to an end. The principal was holding a piece of paper. On the paper was a list of all the second-grade students at the school. The student with the highest grades was at the top of the list. Ken was at the bottom. "It's time to make a difficult choice," said the principal. "There are two options."

"First, you can move on to third grade," he said.

"But in third grade, you'll take high school entrance exams. With your Japanese ability, you might not pass." "Your second option," he said, "is to repeat second grade."

The principal put down the piece of paper and looked at Ken.

"Ken," he said, "I want you to decide."

#### 問題文と選択肢

**What did the principal's piece of paper show?**

- ① It showed that Ken's grades were very low.
- ② It showed that Ken passed an entrance exam.
- ③ It showed that Ken will enter third grade next year.

答え ① **It showed that Ken's grades were very low.**

#### Thinking question 問題文と答えの例

**The principal asked Ken to decide whether to move up to third grade or not. If you were Ken, what would you decide to do?**

答えの例 ※あくまでも例のひとつです。

- If I were Ken, I would stay in second grade to improve my Japanese ability.
- If I were Ken, I would talk to my parents, teachers, and friends to get their opinions before making a decision.

## ワンポイントアドバイス



中学二年生が終わろうとしている3月にケンは校長室に呼び出されます。校長先生が手に持っていたのはケンの成績表でした。成績は下位で、校長先生からこう言われます。「ケン、あなたには二つの選択肢があります。」一つは3年生に進級したとしても高校受験の合格は難しい。あと一つは…。

ここでの重要表現は “I want you to decide.” (私は、あなたに決めてもらいたい。) です。ここでの want はすぐ後ろに目的語(人に) + to do の形をとり「(人に)～してもらいたい。」という表現です。他にも ask「(人に)～するよう頼む。」や tell 「(人に)～するよう伝える。」と似ている重要表現もあるので一緒に覚えましょう。



### エピソード4-03で覚えたいキーワード

- knock(ed) on ノックした
- the principal 校長先生
- Have a seat. 席に座る
- coming to an end 終わりが来ている
- a piece of paper 1枚の用紙
- at the top of ～の上位
- at the bottom of ～の下位
- options 選択肢