Kumiko さんの英会話 (レッスン日: 2020/06/29)

日常 初級 留学 自己紹介 趣味/好み

自己紹介してみよう

自分のことを説明してみましょう。あなたが記載した回答に対して、講師が質問していきます。

#1



Hello. How are you? What's your name?

#2



Hi, I am Kumiko. I am good, thank you. Nice to meet you.

Hi, I am Kumiko. I am good, thank you. It's a pleasure to make your acquaintance.

--添削説明--

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#3



It is very nice to meet you too, Kumiko. Tell me about yourself. Are you a student or a working professional?

#4



I am a working employee. I have been working for 4 years at the Web advertising company, which mainly promotes our customers' services on the web site. Also, I am the mother of two children. Before I have my children, I worked for the manufacturing company, which products the inspection machines. Once I quit working to take care of my children, but now they have already become junior high school students. so I restarted to work.

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- --添削説明--
- 1. 4. use "a/an" when mentioning something for the first time
- 2. use 'a' to men one, there are many mothers of two
- 3. use the past perfect to express an action that happened in the past before another past action expressed in the past simple
- 5. use 'whose' as a relative pronoun to express possession or 'the products of which were inspection machines'
- 6. we naturally say something IS a product of a company
- 7. capitalize the first word in a sentence
- 8. your expression was fine, this is a different expression that you can also use in this context

#5



Thank you for that bit of information. How do you manage between a full-time job and a family? Does it get stressful at times?

#6



Yes, I feel stressful sometimes because I have a lot of things I have to do not only working but also cooking, cleaning, etc. at home. To manage job and family, I try to save time efficiently as much as possible as as waking up early and using online shop. But actually the most stress I feel these days is that my children don't really listen to me because they are teenagers who are rebellious ages!

Yes, I feel stressed out sometimes because I have a lot on my plate, not only working but also household chores. To manage the job and family, I try to save time efficiently as much as possible as waking up early and using online shops but actually I'm under greatest stress because of my children who don't really listen to me because they are teenagers who are at rebellious ages!

- --添削説明--
- 1. we naturally say a person is stressed (out) and something such as an activity or a situation is stressful
- 2. 7. your expression was fine, this is a different expression that you can also use in this context
- 3. use articles with singular countable nouns
- 4. I assume this was a typo as you used 'as' twice in a row
- 5. use the plural when talking in general and don't forget to use articles with singular countable nouns 'a/the shop'
- 6. in writing, we use "but" to join two related clauses together, not as a sentence opener; you can use "however" to start your sentence
- 8. we naturally say someone is AT a certain age

#7



You're very hardworking. It's quite sad to hear that the children do not try to see eye to eye with you but rather rebel at the least opportunity. How do you handle that?

#8



I try to talk with them when they are relaxed and feel OK. But there are getting less time to do that these days because they are usually very busy with school, homework, and the cram school, which most of Japanese junior and high students go to after school, so I try not to miss the time when they seem to talk with me. I feel sometimes they are still like a baby but sometimes already like a adult from their behaviors. They change day by day. It is very interesting though:)

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- --添削説明--
- 1. in writing, we use "but" to join two related clauses together, not as a sentence opener; you can use "however" to start your sentence
- 2. 'time' is the third person singular, and this is the corresponding verb form
- 3. we naturally say there is less time to do something
- 4. you are talking about whether they want to talk to you or not, so this is a more natural expression
- 5. 6. when our subject is plural, it should be followed by a plural subject complement

#9



That's the irony of parenting. It comes with stress and at the same time with joy. What do you do in your free time?

#10



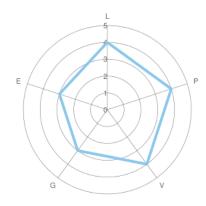
If I have a long non limited free time, I want to travel many places as much as possible. But it is difficulty to do that because of outbreak of Covid 19 now. I can't visit and see even my parents face to face since last year. That is so sad. I hope normal life will come pack as soon as possible. From last week the number of infection is increasing again especially in Tokyo, so we are worried about it.

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- --添削説明--
- 1. 'free time' is uncountable, so we cannot use 'a' before it and we say we have a lot of free time
- 2. we travel TO a place; to travel a place means to go everywhere in that place
- 3. your expression was fine, this is a different expression that you can also use in this context
- 4. in writing, we use "but" to join two related clauses together, not as a sentence opener; you can use "however" to start your sentence
- 5. the correct pattern is 'it is + adjective (difficult) (+ for + object) + to-infinitive', simply put, it is difficult (for someone) to do something
- 6. use articles with singular countable nouns
- 7. 9. 11. we use "present perfect/present perfect continuous + since + time in the past (expressed in past simple)" pattern to express when an action that has lasted up to now started 8. spell check

レッスンメモ

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You were conversant during the lesson. You could use the English language pretty easily but you need to make a relative link between your sentences for a smoother flow of ideas.