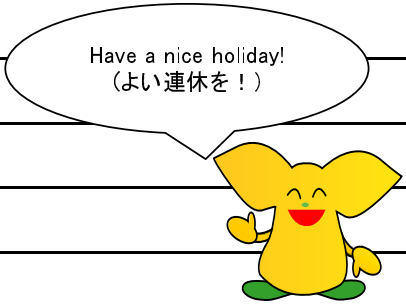


ステップアップレッスン・今月のフレーズ (GWの会話編)

1	Where are you going for the holidays? この連休、どこへ行くの？	
2	I'll stay home because everywhere will be crowded. どこにも行かないよ、どこも混んでるに違いないからね。	
3	What about you? 君はどう？	
4	I'll take a trip to Shikoku. 四国に旅行するよ。	
5	Sounds good! いいね！	

Teacher's Room

Hello everyone! How are you? I'm great!
We had an Easter Party here at WinBe on April 2nd, and 25 people came. We painted easter eggs, played some games, ate delicious curry, and had a very good time.



Thanks for coming :)!

Our next party will be a summer BBQ party in July. I hope more and more people will join in it. Enjoy your holidays, and I'm looking forward to hearing your happy stories!
Akira

こんにちはみなさん！調子どう？僕は絶好調です！

4月2日にWinBeで開かれたイースターパーティーには、25人のお友達が来てくれました。本物の卵に絵を描いたり、ゲームをしたり、おいしいカレーを食べて、とても楽しかったですね。来てくれたみんな、どうもありがとう！次は、7月にバーベキューパーティーを計画中だよ！たくさんのお友達が参加してくれるといいな。

素敵なゴールデンウィークを過ごして、またお話を聞かせてね！
アキラ

Donations bring out the best in people

"If a man is proud of his wealth, he should not be praised until it is known how he employs it," said the Greek philosopher Socrates. He meant a person should be judged on the way he or she spends money. People often say rich people tend to be stingy, but apparently, there are many exceptions.

Masayoshi Son, 53, the president and CEO of SoftBank Corp., pledged to donate 10 billion yen (\$119 million) to relief efforts of the March 11 Great East Japan Earthquake. He also said he would donate all of his annual salary until his retirement. Just as one would expect of an entrepreneur who is said to own assets worth hundreds of billions of yen, even his pocket change is on a whole

Tadashi Yanai, 62, who operates Uniqlo, a retailer of casual clothing, and Hiroshi Mikitani, 46, CEO of Rakuten Inc., the online shopping site, will also personally donate 1 billion yen (\$11.9 million) each. The donations may also be their way to repay consumers and improve the corporate image of the companies they operate. But their generosity transcends such calculations and shrewdness. Many showbiz personalities and professional athletes both at home and abroad are also making contributions. Professional golfer Ryo Ishikawa, 19, pledged to donate all prize money he earns this season, saying it would also be a motivation for him to try harder. Like business operators, since it is money he earned with his own talent and performance, the gesture is both refreshing and cool. The word "openhanded" describes their generous attitude.

Contributions to the Japanese Red Cross Society and other organizations are set to surpass those for the 1995 Great Hanshin Earthquake and are believed to have already topped 100 billion yen (\$1.19 billion). The money has come from large donations made by postal and bank transfers as well as 10-yen coins from small children. Money suddenly seems like quite a different thing at the moment—and it's refreshing.

今月の読み物

さわやかなお金もある

〈その使い方を知るまで、富者の財産をほめてはならぬ〉。人の器量は金の使い方と判断せよという、ソクラテスの言葉である。金持ち金使わずともいうが、例外はいくらもあるらしい。

ソフトバンクの孫正義社長(53)が、大震災の義援金に100億円を出す。経営から退くまで、毎年の役員報酬も全額寄付するそうだ。さすがは資産数千億円とされる経営者、ポケットマネーの桁が違う。

ユニクロを展開する柳井正氏(62)、楽天創業者の三木谷浩史氏(46)も、それぞれ個人で10億円という。消費者への恩返しもある。企業イメージは向上するが、そうした打算や商魂を超えた太っ腹を思う。内外の芸能人やスポーツ界からも浄財が続いている。ゴルフの石川遼選手(19)は「自分にも気合が入る」と、今季の獲得賞金を全部差し出す。実業家と同じく、己の才覚才能で稼いだお金だけに、気持ちも格好もいい。副詞の「ほんと」は彼らのためにある。日本赤十字社などへの義援金は阪神大震災をしのぐ勢いで、もう1千億円を超えたとみられる。ゼロがいくつも並ぶ振り込みから、子どもが握りしめた10円玉まで、「おかね」という響きの何とさわやかなことか。めったにない感覚である。

5月の予定表

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