

LESSON 12

佳子 ねえ、この後カラオケ行こうよ。

智樹 いいねえ。カラオケ行くの久しぶりだなあ。何歌おうかな。佳子は普段どんな曲歌うの？

佳子 う～ん、決まったアーティストの曲ばかり歌うことはないかなあ。いつもいろんな人の曲歌う。女性ミュージシャンだけじゃなくて、男の人の曲歌うことも多いかも。智樹は？

智樹 俺最近の曲全然わからないんだ。昔っから決まったのばかり歌ってるかも。あ、懐メロとかも歌うよ。

佳子 懐メロいいね。私も昔のアイドルの曲歌ったりするの好きだよ。

智樹 昔の曲の中にも名曲は多いからね。最近の男性アーティストの曲って高い曲多いじゃん？あんな高音でないよ。

佳子 確かに高音のきれいな歌声の人多いかも。女でも歌うの大変だと思うときあるもん。

智樹 途中でもう声でなくなるからね。しかも最近は早い曲も多いから。あんなに口回らないよ。

佳子 ラップとか歌える人は凄くなって私も思う。

智樹 俺ももうちょっと歌がうまかったらなって思うんだけどね。

佳子 大丈夫。カラオケは歌のうまさじゃないよ。楽しければそれでいいの。

智樹 もちろんそうだけだね。でも歌がうまいと飲み会の後、みんなでカラオケ行ったときとかにかっこいいじゃん。

佳子 まあ確かに、流行の歌を凄く上手に歌われたりするとキュンとしちゃうよね。

智樹 ほらやっぱり。

佳子 私も歌うまくないから。

智樹 いやいや、ご謙遜を。

佳子 本当だって。それに、男の子が歌ってほしい曲とか全然歌えないからね。やっぱりAKBとか歌う子ってかわいいと思う？

智樹 う～ん、ま、かわいいというか、まあ盛り上がりはするよね。曲は誰でも知ってるしさ。

佳子 私もちょっとはそういう曲を練習しようかな。

普段 normally

決まったAばかり(ばかり)
always same A

決まったのばかり
=決まった曲ばかり
→ always same songs
懐メロ=懐かしいメロディー
→ once popular songs

名曲 masterpiece

高音 high-pitched sound

歌声 singing voices

途中 in the middle
口が回る speak smoothly
あんなに like that
凄い cool

飲み会 drinking party

かっこいい cool
流行の歌 popular song

キュンとする heart pounds
heart beats fast
やっぱり I knew it

謙遜 modest

AKB=AKB48 the most popular
idol group in Japan

A というか B not A rather B
盛り上がる excite, liven up
come alive

Keiko Hey, Let's go karaoke after this.

Tomoki Good idea. I haven't been to Karaoke for a long time. What am I gonna sing? What do you normally sing, Keiko?

Keiko Hmmm, I do not sing songs from only one artist. I always sing songs from various artists. I think I sing more male artists' songs than female artists' songs though. And what about you, Tomoki?

Tomoki I don't know any of recent songs. I think I always sing the same songs. Also, I sing Natsumero songs (once popular songs).

Keiko Ahh, Natsumero is nice. I like singing old idol's songs too.

Tomoki There are many old songs that are good. Male artist's recent songs are very high-pitched and I don't have such a high-pitched voice.

Keiko That is true, many singers have beautiful singing voices. Sometimes I think it is a very hard for even a woman to sing these too.

Tomoki I lose my voice in the middle. And many recent songs are fast too. I am getting rusty.

Keiko I think people who can sing rap are cool too.

Tomoki I think it would be nice if I could sing better too.

Keiko Don't worry. Karaoke is not about whether you are a good singer or not. It's all about having fun.

Tomoki Of course I guess so. But it's cool if you are good singer when you go to Karaoke with friends after a drink.

Keiko True. If someone is singing a popular song really well, my heart pounds.

Tomoki See, I knew it.

Keiko But I am not a good singer either.

Tomoki Don't be modest.

Keiko I am telling the truth. And I can't really sing the songs that boys want girls to sing. Do you think that boys think a girl who can sing songs like AKB is cute?

Keiko Hmmm, cute maybe, but actually it is fun because everyone knows the song.

Tomoki Maybe I should practice these kinds of songs a little.

【POINT】

The implicit rules of what not to do at karaoke

- Do not put your songs in a row. We should take turns to sing.
- Do not use your mobile phone when others are singing; you should go to Karaoke on your own if you don't want to listen to others. Likewise, you shouldn't chat while others are singing, you should listen to other people singing.
- Do not select the same song that someone else already sang; the person who sang the song may think you are insulting his/her singing skill.
- Do not sing with someone on their song without the permission, do not harmonize. You should ask first.
- Do not force someone to sing

There are many more, but let's have some consideration to each other in order to enjoy karaoke.