

LESSON 24

大地 昨日の『アメトーク』観た？

夏帆 観た観た。超ウケたんだけど。笑すぎて涙が出た。

大地 俺も腹抱えて笑ったよ。テレビ観てあんなに笑ったのも久しぶりかもしれない。

夏帆 『アメトーク』とか『マツコ・有吉怒り新党』とか深夜って面白い番組多いよね。

大地 そうだね。とてもゴールデンではできないような内容できるからね。昨日の『アメトーク』もゴールデンではマニアックすぎて無理でしょ。子供とかばかーんってなっちゃうよ。

夏帆 ああいう番組はゴールデンに進出してほしくないよね。

大地 深夜からゴールデンに昇格してつまらなくなった番組なんていくらでもあるからね。是非、深夜で頑張っていたきたい。

夏帆 私、『怒り新党』の夏目アナが可愛くて大好きなんだけど。

大地 あの人スキャンダルあったのにあの番組で完全に復活したよね。日曜夕方からやってる報道番組のキャスターにも抜擢されたし今押目だもんね。

夏帆 可愛くて、バラエティーもできて、報道もできるなんて凄いいよね。アナウンサーって頭もいいし、きれいだし女性の憧れの職業ってのもわかるわあ。

大地 まあ、才色兼備じゃなきゃできない仕事だからね。採用されるのって毎年1万人受けて数人とかでしょ。もの凄い競争率勝ち抜いているわけだから。

夏帆 でもコネ入社もあるって言わない？親の七光りってずるいって思う！

大地 まあねえ。でも真麻みたいに本当に実力ある人もいるからね。コネだけで実力もない人は結局は淘汰されていくんじゃないかな。

夏帆 私もあの人好き。なんていうか、全然女子アナらしくない気取らない感じとか報道もしっかりできるところとか好感度も持てるよね。

大地 そうだね。今日って何か面白い番組やってるかな？

夏帆 テレビ欄見てもよ。でもまずは私みたいドラマあるの。毎週欠かさず観てるからそれは観なくちゃ。

『アメトーク』name of TV show

超ウケる laugh a lot

腹を抱えて笑う
bend over double with laughter

『マツコ・有吉怒り新党』
name of TV show
番組 TV show

ゴールデン=ゴールデンタイム
golden time (prime time)

マニアックな out of the ordinary
ボカーンとなる be blank
don't know what to think or do

進出する advance (promote)

昇格する promote
つまらなくなる become dull

頑張る make one's best

アナ short form of "announcer"
夏目 = Miku Natsume
a name of popular announcer

復活する come back, revive
報道番組 NEWS show
抜擢される be selected

バラエティー番組 variety show

憧れの職業 dream job

才色兼備 be both beautiful and intelligent

採用される be employed
競争率 competitive rate

コネ short form of connection
コネ入社 be employed using special connections

真麻 Masa Takahashi
name of a popular announcer
実力 ability
結局 after all, in the end
淘汰される get booted out
全然~ない not ~ at all
女子アナ female announcer
気取らない unaffected
好感を持つ
have a good impression (feeling)

テレビ欄 TV schedule: TV guide

欠かさず~する never fail to do
be sure to do

Daichi Did you watch last night's "Ame Talk"?

Kaho Yes, yes. I laughed a lot. I had tears in my eyes from laughing too much.

Daichi I was bent over double with laughter. It's been a long time since I have laughed like that.

Kaho "Ame talk" and "Matsuko·Ariyoshi Ikari Shinto". There are many interesting TV programs on late at night, aren't there?

Daichi Sure, there are. I think it is because you can broadcast things that can't be aired at prime time. Do you think yesterday's "AmeTalk" could be aired at prime time? I think it couldn't because the topics are out of the ordinary. If kids watch that, they wouldn't know what to think.

Kaho I don't want such programs to be promoted to prime time.

Daichi There are a lot of programs that were no longer interesting once they were promoted to prime time from nighttime. I want to keep watching the TV program late at night.

Kaho I like the announcer Natsume in "Ikari Shinto" very much because she is so cute.

Daichi She was in a scandal before but that program was a good comeback for her. She has been selected as a newscaster for the Sunday evening news program, she is on a roll now.

Kaho She is pretty, she can do comical programs, and she is a newscaster, isn't she great? The announcers are smart and pretty. I understand why the job of an announcer is a dream job for women.

Daichi Well, you can't do the job without being both beautiful and intelligent. Only a few people out of tens of thousands are employed every year. They succeeded despite an awful acceptance rate.

Kaho But, I heard there are some ways of using special connections. I don't think it is fair to use the influence of their parents!

Daichi Yeah, but there are certain people who are really equipped like Maasa. I think if you have only the connection and no ability, you will get booted out in the end.

Kaho I like her too. What can I say, she gives off a good feeling because she seems not to like the pompous female announcer and she is a good newscaster.

Daichi I agree. Are there any interesting programs on today?

kaho Why don't you look at the TV information in the newspaper? But I have a drama I want to watch. I never miss it, even for a week. I need to watch it every week.

【POINT】

『アメトーク』、『マツコ・有吉怒り新党』 "Ame Talk", "Matsuko・Ariyoshi Ikarisinto"

Both programs are currently very popular comedy TV programs aired at night in Japan. Popular comedians appear in both programs.

ゴールデンタイム Golden Time (Primetime)

Three hours between 7pm and 10pm when the largest TV audience is available and ratings are supposed to be the highest.

おや ななひか
親の七光り Parent's seven light

Children who get benefit from their parents who have power. It is used as a negative meaning for the situation like children of celebrities or politicians who became entertainers, children of a company's president is employed without any test or he/she is promoted more quickly than normal.

Example:

かれ じつりよく
彼は実力もないのに親の七光りで専務にまで昇進した。
He was promoted to the senior managing director because of oyano nanahikari.

かわい
可愛くもないのにあの子がモデルになれるなんて絶対親の七光りだよ。
She is not cute but she became a model. It's absolutely oyano nanahikari.
(That would be the same as nepotism, which also has negative implications.)