



## This week...

Emiko heard that Mark is going to retire and leave the company that they both work at. She is asking him about his retirement.

## Lesson Objectives...

- Retiring from a company
- Planning for retirement

## Business English Conversation

## Advanced Class

## Warm Up – Topic Question



What do you want to do after you retire from your job?

# Picture Description

What is he thinking about?



Who is the man on the left?

<b>Emiko</b>	Hey Mark, <b>I heard you might be</b> retiring soon.
<b>Mark</b>	Wow, news travels fast! It's true, though. I'll be stepping down at the end of next month.
<b>Emiko</b>	<b>How long have you</b> been working for this company?
<b>Mark</b>	I've been here for over two and a half decades. <b>I feel the time is right to</b> move on and do something else with my life.
<b>Emiko</b>	You do seem quite young to be retiring. <b>I guess you must be feeling</b> pretty financially secure, then!
<b>Mark</b>	Yeah, I have worked hard over the years, and have saved quite a sum of money.
<b>Emiko</b>	What do you plan on doing with your retirement?
<b>Mark</b>	I might stay semi-retired for the time being and do some consulting work, otherwise I'm planning to spend more time with my family.
<b>Emiko</b>	Sounds perfect. Enjoy your retirement and keep in touch!

I heard you might be leaving the company.



1. I heard you might be .....
2. How long have you .....?
3. I feel the time is right to .....
4. I guess you must be feeling .....

# Role Play – Retirement

Student A is retiring from the company he/she works for soon. Student B asks Student A about his/her retirement plans.



Student A: Tell Student B you will be retiring at the end of the month.

Student B: Ask Student A about his/her retirement plans.

\* Continue the conversation using the **Key Phrases** and **Plans** from below.

## Key Phrases

- I'll be stepping down at the end of this month.
- I feel the time is right to retire.
- I can't wait to ....
- What will you do during your retirement?
- What else are you going to do?
- Will you move out of the city?
- *Other*

## Plans

- open a café
- spend time with family
- learn a new skill/hobby
- play lots of golf
- travel the world
- take care of garden
- *other*

## Agree or Disagree



1. The current age for retirement in Japan is not fair.
2. Japanese companies have a good pension plan for their workers.
3. People should start planning for their retirement when they are young.

- What are some advantages of retirement?
- What are some disadvantages of retirement?
- What do you think is a good age to retire?



- financially - *Financially speaking, I'm doing just fine.*
- move on - *I'm going to **move on** to the next stage.*
- pension - *I am lucky to have a healthy **pension**.*
- retiring - *Retiring is the best decision I ever made!*
- savings - *My **savings** will be enough to live off.*
- semi-retired - *Being **semi-retired** helps keep you active.*
- step down - *Once I **step down**, I'll be a lot less stressed!*