Retirement





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

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Warm Up – Topic Question





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

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Picture Description

What is he thinking about?





Who is the man on the left?

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





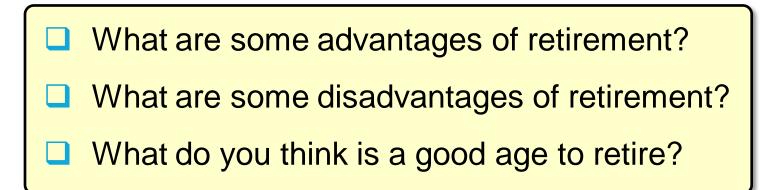


- 2. Japanese companies have a good pension plan for their workers.
- 3. People should start planning for their retirement when they are young.

Agree or Disagree

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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!