



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

Super Class

Warm Up – Topic Question



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

Picture Description

What is he thinking about?



Emiko	Hey Mark, a little bird told me 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. I'm nervous and excited all at once!
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 built up a nice little nest egg .
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 don't be a stranger!



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

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*



Talk about one of the following topics for one minute:

1. The current age of retirement in Japan.
2. Planning for retirement.
3. The Japanese pension plan.

*Other students in the class, ask one question each to the presenter after the speech

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

I want to **retire to** a tropical island in the future.



retire to – to to quit working permanently and move to a particular location

- I'm going to **retire to** a little coastal village and learn how to fish.

no spring chicken – not as young as you once were

- I'm **no spring chicken** anymore, but I plan on staying active in my retirement!

golden handshake – a large severance package given to an executive who leaves a company due to termination, corporate restructuring, or retirement

- The company gave her a **golden handshake**, so I'm sure she will have a very comfortable retirement.