

Survival English / Clarification Phrases



[Beginner]

When you don't understand・わからない時

English phrase	Notes
Sorry? Pardon?	
I don't understand.	
"Word?" - A: <i>I like hot springs.</i> - B: <i>Hot springs?</i>	

Ask the speaker to REPEAT what they said・もう一度言ってもらいたい時

English phrase	Notes
Could you repeat that (please)?	
One more time (please).	

Ask the speaker to SPEAK SLOWER・ゆっくり喋ってもらいたい時

English phrase	Notes
Could you speak more slowly (please)? Could you speak slower (please)?	

CHECK what the speaker said・確認する時

English phrase	Notes
Did you say...?	相手が言ったことを言いなおす
Does [English word] mean [Japanese word]? - Does <i>for example</i> mean 例えば?	レッスン内でどんどん使ってください☺

Ask about NEW WORDS・新しい単語について聞く時

English phrase	Notes
What does [English word] mean? What is [English word]? - What does <i>mountain</i> mean? - What is <i>mountain</i> ?	レッスン内でどんどん聞いてください☺
What is [Japanese word] in English? How do you say [Japanese word] in English? - What is 楽しい in English? - How do you say 楽しい in English?	レッスン内でどんどん聞いてください☺

ACTIVE LISTENING・相槌

English phrase	Notes
Non-verbal / Body language: Nodding, Eye contact, Facial expressions	ノンバーバル・ボディランゲージ うなずく、アイコンタクト、表情
I see.	「そうなんですね」
Okay. Got it. I understand.	「わかりました」
That's [positive adjective]. - That's <i>great / amazing / fantastic / cool / etc.</i>	グッドニュースの時
That's [negative adjective]. - That's <i>terrible / horrible / sad / too bad / etc.</i>	バッドニュースの時
Wow. Really?	「すごい！」「本当に？」「びっくりです！」
I didn't know that. That's the first time I've heard that. That's new to me.	「知らなかった」「初めて聞いた」「初耳です」