

6 Asking Someone Out

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

<p>I'm cranky all day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'm in a bad mood. - I'm crabby/ grumpy. - You don't want to come near me. 	
<p>It's the same with me.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Me, too. - So am I. - I can relate. 	
<p>Are you married, attached?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do you have a boyfriend/ girlfriend? - Are you in a relationship? - Are you dating anybody? 	
<p>It's about a twenty-minute subway ride.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It takes about twenty minutes by subway. 	
<p>Oh, you're not a mama's boy, I hope!</p>		

Key vocabulary

otherwise	cranky	down the block	mama's boy
attached	close by	habit	respect

Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

Asking someone out is the first step in getting to know a person who can be a **potential partner**. **Asking someone for a date** can be daunting and exciting at the same time.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

	Questions:
I'm cranky all day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ How do many Japanese people hide their emotions?
Are you married, attached, or ...?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ In your opinion, is it appropriate to directly ask a person about his/her marital status on your first meeting? Would you feel comfortable asking or being asked this question?
Oh, you're not a mama's boy, I hope!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Would you date someone who is a mama's boy or a daddy's girl?

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

David: Hi, I see you here at Starbucks every day.

Susan: Yes, I need my coffee in the morning, otherwise I'm cranky all day.

David: Ha-ha. It's the same with me. By the way, my name is David. What's yours?

Susan: I'm Susan.

David: Nice to meet you, Susan.

Susan: Nice to meet you too, David. Do you work nearby?

David: Yes, I'm a graphic designer and work just down the block. How about you?

Susan: Wow, I work in web design and work for an insurance company close by.

David: Do you live here as well?

Susan: Not too far, about a twenty-minute subway ride. What about you?

David: I live in Forest Hills. It takes about half an hour. So, tell me, are you married, attached, or have any strange habits I should know about? *(smiling broadly)*

Susan: *(laughing)* No, I'm single and pretty normal, I'm told. And you?

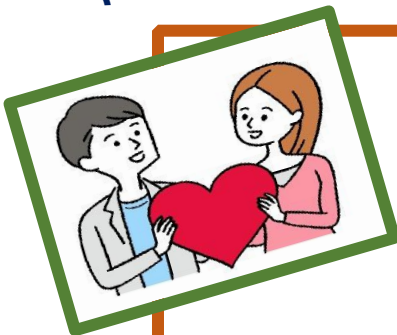
David: *(laughing)* I'm very single right now and my mother says I'm perfect.

Susan: Oh, you're not a mama's boy, I hope!

David: Nah, but she's pretty cool. *(smiling)* So, it would be nice to have a drink or dinner sometime and talk more. I promise you can have coffee after the meal, and I won't talk about my mother.

Susan: *(laughing)* That sounds nice and I'm sure your mother is lovely. I like that you respect her.

Q & A!



What makes some people connect immediately?

Why is it difficult for some people to approach others, especially if it is the first time?

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Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. For the Best Rendezvous

Directions: Ask someone out!

Suggest an interesting place in Japan where you two can hang out.



Profile:
SAM, 32
A BOOKLOVER



Profile:
CLARE, 25
A FOODIE

B. Let's Talk!

Directions: Supply the missing information by talking to the people below.
Initiate a conversation and try to get to know them better.
Don't forget to ask them out too!

Name: Alexa

Status: _____

Interests: _____

Occupation: _____

Invite her to a newly opened café nearby.



Name: _____

Status: _____

Interests: Wine, ____ and Business

Occupation: _____

Tell him about your grandmother's vineyard and invite him there.



C. Role-Play

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Someone caught your attention at the bar.
Talk to him/her and ask him/her out.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.