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Tokyo Transportation - Rush Hour

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

Language Point

Everyone's rushing to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Everyone is in such a hurry to get to work- Everybody is racing to work- No one wants to be late for work
Runs 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Run / open 24-7- Around-the-clock service- Never stop running
Follow me.	
Respect each other's personal space	

Key vocabulary

push onto	not fun	surreal	unavoidable
rarely	frequently	be supposed to	transit system

I. INTRODUCTION

Rush hour can be quite a **hassle and inconvenient** for commuters. **Subways** are usually **swarmed with people** who are rushing to go to **work** and to school. One must have a **lot of patience** to deal with the **throng** and the **bustling stations** every day.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

	Questions:
Everyone's rushing to work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">At what time does rush hour occur in big cities? In Tokyo? In Osaka? Does this happen every day?
Runs 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cite some businesses that offer around-the-clock services.
Respect each other's personal space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What do you do when someone tries to invade your personal space?

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

(On the Marunouchi line in Tokyo during rush hour)

Albert: Wow, so many people! Is it always this crowded during rush hour?

Mr. Nagase: Yes, sometimes even more so. We'll have to push ourselves onto the train. Follow me.

(After the train ride)

Albert: That was surreal. That would never happen in the U.S, where people push onto a crowded train like that.

Mr. Nagase: It's not fun but somewhat unavoidable as everyone's rushing to work. What's it like in the U.S.?

Albert: People crowd onto the train but rarely push and usually respect each other's personal space. They'll just have to wait for the next train if they can't get on.

Mr. Nagase: I see. Do the trains run frequently and on time?

Albert: That's the problem! In New York, trains are supposed to run on schedule, but it rarely happens. Trains do run more frequently during rush hour.

Mr. Nagase: What time do the trains stop running?

Albert: The only good thing is that the subway runs 24 hours, however the transit system is quite old so there are often delays and it's not as clean as the Tokyo subways.

Q & A!



Describe Tokyo's rush hour in 1 word.

Describe Japan's transportation system in 2 words.

What do you imagine

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

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

A. Express Yourself

Directions: Answer the following questions below.



What are common problems a person may encounter during rush hour?

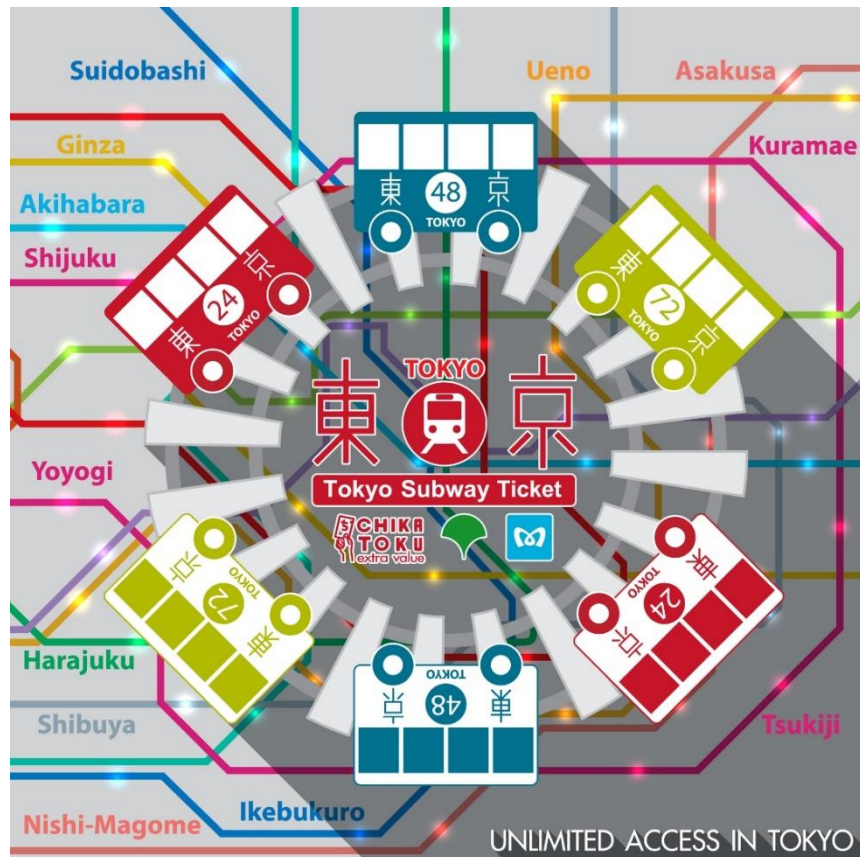


Give at least 3 things one can do when stuck in a traffic jam.

B. Let's Talk!

Directions: Be a tour guide for a day!

Suggest some places in Tokyo where a tourist can enjoy the activities below.
Then, suggest which station he/she should get on and off at.



go shopping

buy
books/comics

visit a
temple/shrine

C. Role-Play

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You and your friend are planning to see each other on Monday.
Plan your schedule ahead and try to avoid the rush hour.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.