

Today's Pattern (今日のパターン)

Progressive Comparison

(比較の表現 : 比較級 + and + 比較級)

Today's Sentence (今日の例文)

The Internet community is getting bigger and bigger.

(インターネット・コミュニティはどんどん拡大しています。)



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Objectives of This Material (このテキストの目的)

1. Broaden word expressions, not only to understand but also to construct them.  
(基本文型を理解するだけでなく、使いこなせるようになる)
2. Gain confidence in speaking by completing simple practice conversations.  
(簡単な会話練習から始めて、英会話の自信をつける)
3. Feel your progress and enjoy English!  
(自分の上達を実感し、英語を楽しむ)

Previous Lessons Review (これまでのレッスンの復習) (5-10 mins)

Directions: Practice the sentence pattern of your previous lessons. (これまで学習したパターンを復習しましょう)

0-1. too – to –

**Tutor:** Have you seen the new matinee idol?

**Student:** Yeah, I have. He's too \_\_\_\_\_ not to be noticed by everybody.

0-2. – enough – to –

**Tutor:** I could not sleep last night. It was too hot! You felt it too, right?

**Student:** No, I thought it was okay. It was just warm enough for me to \_\_\_\_\_.

0-3. It is (adjective) – to –

**Tutor:** What do you think of English?

**Student:** I think it is interesting to \_\_\_\_\_.

0-4. (be) supposed to –

**Tutor:** Why are you angry?

**Student:** This box is supposed to have been \_\_\_\_\_.

0-5. as... as... / not as...as... / not so...as...

**Tutor:** Do you think playing the piano is as easy as playing the guitar?

**Student:** I think that it's not as \_\_\_\_\_.

Grammar Review (文法の復習) (5-10 mins)

*Progressive comparison* happens when we use the comparative form of an adjective to describe a characteristic that is developing. It shows how the characteristic gets more noticeable over time.

In the case of adjectives which need the suffix *-er* to complete their comparative form, the comparative form is repeated to form a *progressive comparison*.

Example: The waves are growing rougher and rougher.

However, in the case of an adjective which forms the comparative with *more*, only the word *more* is repeated.

Example: Tom became *more and more* anxious.

The first example indicates that the waves are growing rougher than they were before. For the second example, only the word *more* is repeated because *anxious* forms its comparative form with *more*.

このレッスンでは、「だんだん～」「どんどん～」という意味の、時間の経過とともに顕著になる状態・状況を表す比較級を学習します。

接尾辞~~-er~~を伴って比較級を形成する形容詞／副詞の場合、[比較級 + and + 比較級]の形を取ります。

例文： The waves are growing rougher and rougher.  
(波はだんだん荒れてきています。)

*more*を伴って比較級を形成する形容詞／副詞の場合、[*more and more* + 形容詞／副詞]となります。

例文： Tom became *more and more* anxious.  
(トムはだんだん不安になりました。)

Exercise 1 (エクササイズ 1) (2-4 mins)

Directions: Repeat after your tutor. (講師に続けて言ってください)

*Example: The Internet community is getting bigger and bigger.*

(例文: インターネット・コミュニティはどんどん拡大しています。)

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| 1-1. The sound of her voice becomes fainter and fainter | when she's feeling tired.<br>(彼女が疲れているとき)<br>when we talk on the phone.<br>(電話で話すとき)<br>if she's depressed.<br>(もし彼女が落ち込んでいたら)<br>when she talks about her crush.<br>(彼女が片思いの相手のことを話すとき)<br>before she bursts out crying.<br>(彼女が急に泣き出す前) |
| 1-2. She looked more and more                           | beautiful as she grew older.<br>intimidating when she got mad.<br>joyous when she got engaged.<br>irritated when you were talking to her.<br>delighted after seeing her family.   |

intimidating: 威圧的な

joyous: うれしい

Exercise 2 (エクササイズ 2) (3-6 mins)

Directions: Complete the exercise below to make a sentence. (下の文を完成させてください)

*Example: The Internet community is getting bigger and bigger.*

(例文: インターネット・コミュニティはどんどん拡大しています。)

2-1. The economy grew more and more \_\_\_\_\_.

(経済はだんだん\_\_\_\_になりました。)

2-2. Maria seemed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ after her friend passed away.

(友達を亡くしてから、マリアはだんだん\_\_\_\_ようでした。)

2-3. Studying English has become more and more \_\_\_\_\_.

(英語の勉強はだんだん\_\_\_\_になりました。)

2-4. The food in the restaurant tasted \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ since the new chef arrived.

(新しいシェフが来てからそのレストランの料理の味はだんだん\_\_\_\_になりました。)

2-5. The surroundings felt \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ since November.

(11月になってから、辺りがだんだん\_\_\_\_に感じられました。)

## Exercise 3 (エクササイズ 3) (3-6 mins)

Directions: Match the words below to make a correct sentence or phrase. There may be multiple combinations. Choose the best answer. (左と右の言葉を組み合わせて文を完成させてください。対応する組み合わせはひとつとは限りませんが、その中で最も適切な答えを選びなさい。)

3-1. The young mother grew	more and more competitive.
3-2. She seems thinner and	and stronger after a series of trainings.
3-3. The players seem stronger	scared as they walked through the forest.
3-4. They felt more and more	thinner every time I see her.
3-5. Our basketball team became	more and more tired.

3-6. My father is getting	more and more annoying.
3-7. The students are becoming	is getting louder and louder.
3-8. The grumbling in my stomach	more and more expensive.
3-9. Their products are getting	better and better at cooking.
3-10. My sister's pets are	getting smellier and smellier.

competitive: 競争力のある

grumbling: ゴロゴロいう音

Exercise 4 (エクササイズ 4) (3-6 mins)

Directions: Practice having a conversation with your tutor. (講師と会話の練習をしましょう)

**Tutor:** Why are you here in the hospital?

**Student:** I don't feel so good. I feel <weaker and weaker / more and more weaker / more and more unhappy> every day.

**Tutor:** What did the doctor say?

**Student:** He told me that it's not that serious. I've been eating right and exercising enough, which made me <more and more active / more and more sickly / healthier and healthier> lately.

**Tutor:** I thought you work out at the gym every weekend.

**Student:** That was last year. My job has become more and more <demanding / easy / determined> that I don't have enough time to work out.

**Tutor:** Health is not something that we can take for granted.

**Student:** After hearing the doctor's advice, I think I should be more and more <conscious / nervous / happy> about my health.

**Tutor:** Sometimes, we neglect our health until we feel that there's something wrong with our body.

**Student:** You're right. I feel more and more <determined / lazy / enjoy> to keep my body fit.

take ... for granted: ...を当然だと思う

neglect: 無視する

Exercise 5 (エクササイズ 5) (3-6 mins)

Directions: Practice having a conversation with your tutor. (講師と会話の練習をしましょう)

- Tutor:** What do you feel every time you celebrate your birthday?  
(誕生日が来るたびどんな気持ちになる?)
- Student:** I feel \_\_\_\_\_.  
(\_\_\_\_気分になる。)
- Tutor:** Why?  
(なんで?)
- Student:** I feel that way because it seems like my life is becoming more and more \_\_\_\_\_ as I grow older.  
(年を取ると人生がだんだん\_\_\_\_になるように思えて。)
- Tutor:** Same here.  
(私もだよ。)
- Student:** Then again, I think that I should not feel that way. Even though life appears \_\_\_\_\_, I know I can live well.  
(でもね、そういうふうに考えない方がいいと思うんだ。どんなに人生が\_\_\_\_に思えても、よく生きることはできるでしょ。)
- Tutor:** That's right. Getting old is actually a beautiful thing.  
(そうだね。年を重ねるって本当にすてきなことだよね。)
- Student:** You have a point there. Instead of feeling more and more \_\_\_\_\_, it's better to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
(うんうん。どんどん\_\_\_\_に考えるより\_\_\_\_方がずっといいよ。)



**Exercise 6** (エクササイズ 6) (5-10 mins)

Directions: Practice and enjoy a free talk with your tutor. (講師とフリートークを楽しんでください)

Guide Questions from the tutor: (講師は次の質問で会話を始めます)

- 6-1. What gets you motivated to finish a task?
- 6-2. What makes you brave to face your fears?
- 6-3. When does a person become more attractive?
- 6-4. What kind of problem worries you very much?