My First Shift

Could you say that again?

Mai starts work at a shop today. It’s her first shift. The shop hasn’t opened yet.

Tanaka, the shop manager, hands Mai a blue box.

“Please put this box on the shelf over there.”

Mai isn’t sure where it should go. She asks Tanaka again.

“Excuse me. Could you say that again, a little more slowly?”

Tanaka points to a shelf.

“Please put this box on that shelf.”

Mai points to the shelf as well.

“That shelf over there?”

“Yes, that’s right.”

Mai puts the blue box on the shelf.

My First Shift

What time do I start tomorrow?

The day’s work is over. Mai’s shift started at nine this morning.

Before she goes home, Mai asks Tanaka a question.

“Excuse me. What time do I start tomorrow?”

“Ten o’clock tomorrow. Does that work for you?”

“Yes, that’s fine.”

Tomorrow’s shift starts later than today’s.

Mai types “Tomorrow, 10 a.m.” into her phone.

Then she thanks Tanaka for the day and heads home.

Questions and practice

Could you say that again?

1. What color is the box?
2. What does Mai say when she wants to ask again?
3. Where does Mai put the box?

You didn’t quite catch what someone said. Try asking again.

“Excuse me. Could you say that again, a little more slowly?”

すみません。もう いちど、ゆっくり おねがいします。

What time do I start tomorrow?

1. What time did today’s shift start?
2. What time does tomorrow’s shift start?
3. Where does Mai write down tomorrow’s start time?

You want to check what time you start tomorrow. Try asking.

“Excuse me. What time do I start tomorrow?”

すみません。あしたは なんじからですか？

Possible answers

Could you say that again?

1. It’s blue.
2. “Excuse me. Could you say that again, a little more slowly?”
3. She puts it on the shelf.

What time do I start tomorrow?

1. At 9 a.m.
2. At 10 a.m.
3. She makes a note on her phone.