

55강. 약속잡기 / 미루기

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자, 이번시간에는요. 우리가 평소에 약속을 정하고, 시간이나 날짜 등을 앞당기거나 미루는 등 변경할 때가 종종 생기잖아요? 그럴 때 어떻게 영어로 표현하는 지 배워보도록 할게요! 그럼 첫 번째 롤플레이부터 들어보도록 할까요?

▶ 장면 1. 롤플레이 듣기

▶ 장면 1. 설명

Ep38. Making an Appointment (2)

Scene #1: Postponing a meeting – Part 1 약속 미루기 (1)

Peter: Rachel, unfortunately there is a conflict in my schedule. **Could we move up our meeting a few days?** 우리 미팅을 며칠 앞당길 수 있을까요? # move up 앞당기다 = push up, advance, bring forward 예) Could we move up the release date? 출시 날짜를 좀 앞당길 수 있을까? / # move back 미루다 = **push back** = delay = postpone

Rachel: I think you're having a change of heart again. Changing an appointment is your habit!

Peter: No, that's not it. Seriously, **I completely forgot that** I have a class that night.

I completely forgot that ~ 완전히 깜박했어.

Rachel: Peter, I really think you need to use a calendar to arrange your schedule. **You're going to come across as a flaky person!** 당신은 실없는(약속을 잘 안지키는, 신뢰가 안가는) 사람으로 생각될 거예요. *flaky 실없는/신뢰가 안가는 // ** come across 1) (~을) 우연히 마주치다 / 발견하다. 예) It's amazing that we came across each other here. 2) (~로) 이해되다. She doesn't come across as a friendly person. 그녀는 상냥한 사람으로 보이지 않아요. (생각되지 않아요.)

Peter: I agree. I'll start using an online calendar soon. **Can we postpone it until Friday?**

연기하다. 미루다 = postpone = delay = put off

Rachel: What time?

Peter: Let's say 4 p.m.?

Rachel: Okay. Try not to change your mind this time, okay?

Peter: Okay.

▶ 장면 1. 롤플레이 연습

그러면 두 번째 장면 롤플레이 들어볼까요?

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▶ 장면 2. 설명

(M) Scene #2: Postponing a meeting – Part 2 약속 미루기 (2)

Ray: Pamela, **I'm running behind schedule today. Could we push our meeting back a bit?**

파멜라, 나 오늘 예정보다 많이 늦어졌어. 우리 미팅을 좀 늦춰도 될까?

* **behind (the) schedule** 예정보다 늦어진 ex) two weeks behind the schedule 예정보다 2주 늦어진 * **ahead of schedule** 예정보다 빨리 / push back = move back (스케줄) 미루다.

Pamela: Not a problem. How long?

Ray: **Do you mind if I let you know in an hour?** 한 시간 뒤에 내가 알려줘도 될까?

Pamela: Sure, can you just send me an invite to my online calendar? 물론, 나한테 온라인 달력으로 초대장을 보내줄 수 있어?

Ray: I'll ask my assistant to do that. 내가 어시스턴트(조교)한테 부탁해둘게.

Pamela: Perfect. I'll be waiting for that.

Ray: **How's your report going? Have you written a lot?** 레포트는 어떻게 되어가고 있어? 많이 쓴거야?

Pamela: **So far, not bad.** Hey, Ray, sorry, I have to hang up. **I'm running late for something.**

지금까진 나쁘지 않아. 레이 있잖아, 미안한데 지금 끊어야 겠어. 나 할 일이 늦을 것 같아.

Ray: Sure, alright. See you later.

Pamela: See you!

▶ 장면 2. 롤플레이 연습

▶ Wrap-up 시간

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- Could we move up (push up) the release date?
- I think you're having a change of heart again.
- Changing an appointment is your habit!
- I completely forgot that I have a class that night.
- You're going to come across as a flaky person!
- Can we postpone it until Friday?
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Scene #3: **Moving up a meeting** 약속 앞당기기

Ray: Brianna, I'm in a meeting and I'm **running ahead of schedule**. **Could we bump up our meeting a bit?** 우리 스케줄이 앞당겨 질 것 같아. 우리도 좀 더 서둘러서 미팅을 할 수 있을까? (Could we move up.. ?) ** bump up : (더 높은 위치로) 이동시키다. 올리다. / 예) The airline apologized and bumped us up to first class. 항공사는 사과를 했고, 우리를 일등석으로 옮겨줬다.

Brianna: Eek! My schedule is full today. I don't think I can find another **time window** for our meeting.

(*specific time window : 특정시간대)

Ray: Hmm... I see.

Brianna: Actually, **would it be okay if we found another day? I've been swamped with meetings today.** 나 정말 오늘 미팅이 산더미야..ㅠㅠ

*** 표현 배우기 swamped with** - swamp (명) 늪 / 습지 / (동) 쇠도하다, 넘치다. 산더미다.

- I got swamped with work yesterday. 너는 어제 일이 정말 넘쳐 났어. / we are swamped with orders. 주문이 엄청 많아..

Ray: Sorry to hear that. I guess **it'd be nice to have a breather in between your relay of meetings.** When's good for you? * have a breather : 한 숨 돌리다.

Brianna: I'm free tomorrow morning!

Ray: **I might have something tomorrow morning. It'll be confirmed soon.**

** might 의 뉘앙스 널 아침에는 뭐가 있을지도 몰라.

Brianna: Do you want to write me in **once** you know your schedule? 문자/이메일 줄래요?

(Once : 일단 ~하면)

Ray: Yes, I'll do that.

Brianna: Perfect. Talk later.

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Ep48. At a Tourist Site (퀴즈 : '자유의 여신상' 영어로 뭐라고 할까?) (goddess x)

Scene #1: Visiting **the Statue of Liberty** 자유의 여신상 보러 가기

Jess: **This statue is larger than life!** 엄청나네요. 아우라가 장난아닌

**** 표현 : larger-than-life** 실물보다 큰 / 엄청난 아우라를 발산하는 / Larger than life celebrities / Larger than life personalities. _ 예) beatles, Michael Jackson, Marylin Monroe, BTS ..

Tour guide: It sure is. Is it your first time visiting? (리버티 아일랜드)

Jess: To this particular city, yes. I've visited other cities in the past.

Tour guide: Well, you came at the perfect time. **Not only does the statue look particularly impressive during the day, you're just in time for the fall foliage.** 예) He can speak **not only** English, **but** (also) French. / ****도치 : Not only** v + s , (but also) s + v // **** you are just in time!** 딱 맞춰 왔다! / fall foliage 단풍

Jess: **I've noticed! The trees look so majestic and colorful.** (장엄한)

Tour guide: It really adds a bit of magic to all the sites we'll visit.

Jess: **Will you be giving us some historical background as well?**

Tour guide: Yes! And **I'll customize my tour in accordance to what your interests are.** (맞춤화 투어) * 표현1: Customize : (customer 고객) / 고객 맞춤형 / 주문제작 ex) customized shoes/suits
****표현2: in accordance to/with = according to** ~따라, 부합하여

Jess: Sounds perfect.

Tour guide: Let's get started.

▶ 장면 2. 롤플레이 연습

▶ Wrap-up 시간

- I'm in a meeting and I'm running ahead of schedule.
- Could we bump up our meeting a bit? (Could we move up our meeting a few days?)
- I don't think I can find another time window for our meeting.
- I've been swamped with meetings today.
- I guess it'd be nice to have a breather in between your relay of meetings.
- I might have something tomorrow morning.

- This statue is larger than life!
- you came at the perfect time.
- Not only does the statue look particularly impressive during the day, you're just in time for the fall foliage.
- The trees look so majestic and colorful.
- Will you be giving us some historical background as well?
- I'll customize my tour in accordance to what your interests are.

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Ep48. At a Tourist Site

Scene #2: Going to see the sunset 일몰 보러 가기

Mark: Excuse me, **could you tell me where the nearest bus stop is?**

Local: It's around the corner, but all buses there **go down towards the river.**

모퉁이를 돌면 있는데요, 하지만 모든 버스가 강을 향해서 내려가는 방향이에요.

Mark: **That's exactly where I want to go.**

Local: You're headed the right way, then! The riverfront is very pretty at night.

Mark: **I'm hoping to catch the sunset.**

Local: **Think you'll make it just in time if you hurry.** (지난시간 : you're just in time!)

아마 조금 서두르시면, 딱 맞춰 도착하실 것 같은데요?

Mark: I better run. But, **do you happen to know where I could buy a bus pass?**

** **do you happen to know** (뉘앙스) : 혹시 ~ 아시나요?

Local: **You don't necessarily need one. Just pay in cash.**

Mark: Oh great. **I've been wanting to use some of my coins.**

** **I've been wanting to...** 예1) I've been wanting to read it for a long time. 예2) I've been wanting to see this movie.

Local: Good that you have coins! **It's only a buck forty.** 1달러, 40센트 밖에 안해요.

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▶ 장면 2. 설명 : 관광지

(M) Scene #3: Touring around 관광지 구경하기

Amanda: Wow, the riverfront is so beautiful!

Jacob: Glad you like it. **I remembered you liked being near water.**

Amanda: Yes, **I'm still a bit of a mermaid. Is this place popular among locals, too?**

Jacob: Somewhat. It gets pretty packed during the days. 낮시간에는 (이 곳이) 꽤 차거든요.

Amanda: **I'm guessing it's a huge tourist attraction.** (관광명소)

Jacob: It is. So, **it can get a bit out of hand and cramped at times,** but it's still very pretty.

(사람이 너무 많아..) 통제불능이 될 때도 있고, 비좁을 수도 있어요. * cramp : 경련 / 쥐나다 / 생리통 * (형용사) cramped : 비좁은 __ 예) my house is small and cramped. 우리집은 작고 비좁아.

Amanda: There are so many food options around, too!

Jacob: Yes, **the wait can be annoying at times, but the food makes everything worth it!**

네, 기다림이 때론 좀 짜증나긴 하는데, 음식이 (그 모든 짜증을 넘어설만큼) 가치가 있어요.

** 예) (To see him once) makes everything worth it!

Amanda: I can wait forever if it's for good food.

Jacob: **Be careful what you wish for.** The lines here can feel like an eternity!

말이 씨가 될 수가 있어요! 여기서 기다리는 게 영원할 것 같은 느낌이 들 수도 있거든요. (그만큼 오래 기다려야 한단 말)

▶ 장면 2. 롤플레이 연습

▶ Wrap-up 시간

- could you tell me where the nearest bus stop is?
- It's around the corner.
- all buses there go down towards the river.
- That's exactly where I want to go.
- I'm hoping to catch the sunset.
- Think you'll make it just in time if you hurry.
- do you happen to know where I could buy a bus pass?
- I've been wanting to use some of my coins.
- Is this place popular among locals, too?
- It gets pretty packed during the days.
- it can get a bit out of hand and cramped at times,
- the wait can be annoying at times, but the food makes everything worth it!
- Be careful what you wish for.

58강. 친구와의 대화 (취미)

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오늘은 친구와 함께 대화를 나누는 장면을 보도록 할텐데요. 서로의 취미를 묻거나, 최근 빠진 일에 대한 것들에 대해 공유하는 가벼운 이야기들을 볼도록 할테니까요. 여러분들이 외국인 친구들과 대화를 나눌 때 꼭 한 번 사용해 볼 수 있기를 바라며! 첫 번째 롤플레이부터 살펴보도록 할까요?

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▶ 장면 1. 설명

Ep13. Talking about Hobbies

Scene #1: At the dormitory lobby 기숙사 휴게실에서

Amy: What are you watching?

James: A comedy show.

Amy: Fun. Do you watch a lot of TV during your spare time? (여가시간 : spare 남는, 여분의)

James: Yes, **I'm a big fan of comedy shows. Watching comedy clears my mind of stress from work.** 일로 받은 스트레스들의 감정을 정화시켜줘~

* I'm a big fan of / a huge fan of ~ * clear one's mind : 마음을 정화시키다 / 비우다

Amy: **Who's your favorite comedian?**

James: Hasan Minhaj.(하산 미나즈) That's him. **He uses his personal experiences as topics and turns them into a great show.**

* The accident turned him into a bad person. 그 사건이 그 남자를 나쁜 사람으로 만들어 버렸다.

Amy: Sounds fun. **Do you mind if I join you?**

James: Not at all! Come on over. 일로 와~

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▶ 장면 2. 설명 : 관광지

(M)Scene #2: Talking about running 달리기 취미에 대해 (남녀 친구 사이의 대화)

Mandy: **What do you do for fun when you are not working,** Caleb?

Caleb: **I'm quite into running.** I usually run after work **just to relax and take in some clean air.**

(표현) I'm into ~ ing : ~에 빠져있는 / 관심있는

예1) I'm quite into baking / biking. 예2) **I'm really into** K-POP recently. 예3) I'm actually quite into politics.

Mandy: That's a very healthy hobby. **Do you run long distance or short distance?**

Caleb: **I used to be a short distance runner, but I'm training for a half marathon these days.**

- I used to + 동원 : 나는 ~ 하곤 했다 (과거 내가 그랬던 경험을 얘기할 때) 예) I used to play a piano (나는 예전에 피아노를 치곤 했었지 but..)

단어) long distance running 장거리 달리기 / short distance running 단거리 달리기 / 단거리 달리기 = sprint race / (육상) 단거리 달리기 선수 sprinter

Mandy: Wow, **you've got to be talented in running.** **That sounds like a big challenge.**

너는 분명 달리기에 재능이 있는거네!

Caleb: It sure is. **But I find running more relaxing than challenging.**

그렇지. 하지만 나는 달리기가 도전적이라기 보다, 편안함을 느껴..

Mandy: Good for you! When's the marathon?

Caleb: Four months to go! Wish me luck!

Mandy: Good luck! **I'll be rooting for you.** 널 응원할게~

* root for ~ ~를 지지하다. 응원하다.

▶ 장면 2. 롤플레이 연습

▶ Wrap-up 시간

- I'm a big fan of comedy shows.

- Watching comedy clears my mind of stress from work.

- Who's your favorite comedian?

- He uses his personal experiences as topics and turns them into a great show.

- Do you mind if I join you?

- What do you do for fun when you are not working?
- I'm quite into running.
- I used to be a short distance runner.
- you've got to be talented in running.
- But I find running more relaxing than challenging.
- I'll be rooting for you.

59강. 친구와의 대화 취미 / 친구에게 조언

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오늘은요. 지난 시간에 이어서 친구의 취미생활에 대해 이야기 나누는 장면을 볼거구요. 이어서 영어 공부를 하는데 어려움을 겪고 있는 제시카가 친구에게 조언을 구하는 장면을 보도록 할거예요. 자 그럼 첫 번째 롤플레이부터 들어보도록 할까요?

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Scene #3: Talking about watching movies 영화 보는 취미에 대해 (남녀 친구 사이의 대화)

Maria: Jimmy, do you want to go clubbing with us tonight?

Jimmy: Nah, I'm okay. **I want to have a low-key night. Thanks for the invite though.**

나지막한/절제된 밤을 보내고 싶어. 초대는 어쨌든 고마워.

단어) Nah, = no 의미 / low-key (로-텐션) 차분한 억제된 절제된 단어) 맨 뒤에 붙는 though / ~이지만.. 그래도..

Maria: No problem. **What are you going to do to keep it low-key?**

Jimmy: **I'll grab a bite to eat and catch a flick.** 그냥 간단하게 먹으면서, 영화 볼래.

**** catch a flick 영화를 보다 ** flick 손가락으로 튀기다/ 털다 / 휘휘 / 휩 넘어가는 움직임**

Maria: Watching movies seems to be a favorite pastime for you. (pastime = hobby 취미)

Jimmy: Yes, it is. **I'm keen on watching movies.** I usually watch movies the first day they come out in theaters. 나는 영화보는 걸 정말 좋아해.. **** 단어** keen ~을 열망하는 (eager to) , 간절히**

~하고 싶어하는, 매우 좋아하는 / 예) I'm not so keen on movies. 나는 영화에 그다지 관심이 없어. / I'm quite keen on the music. 음악에 꽤 관심이 있는 / I'm into~

Maria: Wow, **so do you like all genres of movies?**

Jimmy: Pretty much.

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▶ 장면 2. 설명

Ep20. Giving Advice to a Friend

(M)Scene #1: Talking about studying 공부에 관해 친구에게 조언 구하기

Bryan: Jessica, **you look worried**. What's the matter?

Jessica: **I feel like my English is not improving at all**. You taught yourself English. Do you have any advice for me?

Bryan: **As far as I'm concerned, your English is definitely better than before**.

** 표현) as far as I'm concerned : 내가 아는 한 / 내 생각엔 (대체) according to me; in my opinion; in my view ** definitely : 확실히

Jessica: **But the thing is people often don't understand my pronunciation**. What should I do?

** 표현) **But the thing is** (사실, 근데 / 근데 말이지 / 근데 내 말은, 앞의 내용과 다른 얘기 할때)

Bryan: **If I were you, I'd look into English phonics and phonetics. I highly recommend this book**. The content speaks for itself. 내가 너라면, 나는 파닉스(발음 중심 교수법)과 음성학을 찾아 볼거야. 이 책을 정말 추천해! 두말할 필요도 없어

표현** (something) speaks for itself! 그것이 스스로 말한다 /설명이 필요없다 /자명&분명하다

Jessica: Really? Okay. Can I borrow it?

Bryan: Sure. **The key to learning a second language is to have patience**.

Jessica: Yeah, I guess so.

▶ 장면 2. 롤플레이 연습

▶ Wrap-up 시간

- I want to have a low-key night. Thanks for the invite though.
- What are you going to do to keep it low-key?
- I'll grab a bite to eat and catch a flick.
- I'm keen on watching movies.
- I usually watch movies the first day they come out in theaters.
- I feel like my English is not improving at all.
- You taught yourself English. Do you have any advice for me?
- As far as I'm concerned, your English is definitely better than before.
- But the thing is people often don't understand my pronunciation.
- If I were you, I'd look into English phonics and phonetics.
- The content speaks for itself.
- The key to learning a second language is to have patience.

60강. 친구에게 조언구하기

안녕하세요~ 여러분들의 살아있는 영어를 책임질, "코스모지나 성진아" 입니다!

이번 시간은요.. 지난 시간과 마찬가지로 친구와 대화를 하는 장면인데요. 자신이 고민하고 있는 부분을 친구와 대화를 나누고, 문제를 해결하는 과정을 보여드릴 거예요. 자 그럼 첫 번째 롤플레이부터 들어 보도록 할까요?

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▶ 장면 1. 설명

Ep20. Giving Advice to a Friend

(M)Scene #2: Talking about buying a birthday gift 친구 선물 사는 것에 대해 조언 구하기 (걱정하는 남자와 조언하는 여자)

Bryan: Jessica, I need to buy a present for my friend's birthday, but I don't know what to buy.

Jess: Is your friend a man or a woman?

Bryan: Man in his 30s. **Do you have any ideas for me?**

Jess: Hmm.. **What does he like to do for fun?**

** 표현 : **What do you like to do for fun?** (넌 취미로 뭘하는 걸 좋아해?)

Bryan: **He's a music geek. He listens to music 24/7.** 그는 음악 괴짜(광팬)야.. 24시간 음악만 들어. // 24/7. = 하루 종일의 의미 / geek = nerd (00밖에 모르는 사람)

Jess: Why don't you buy him a concert ticket or something?

Bryan: **Come to think of it, I saw a buy-one-get-one-free deal for tickets to his favorite band's concert, which I also would like to go to.**

표현 1: **come to think of it** , 그리고 보니(갑자기 어떤 기억이 나거나 무엇의 중요성을 깨달았을 때 하는 말) # 표현 2 : **buy-one-get-one-free** : 1+1 : 하나를 사면 하나는 공짜!

Jess: That's great. **You can buy the tickets and go to the concert with him. Best of both worlds!**

표현 : (the) best of both / the best of both worlds / the all possible worlds 둘다 좋은 상황

(추가 표현) killing two birds with one stone. 일거양득 / 일석이조

Bryan: Yeah, totally. **I get to enjoy the concert as well as giving him a perfect gift.**

그래 완전히! 나는 그에게 완벽한 선물을 주는 것 뿐만 아니라, 콘서트도 즐길 수 있는거니까^^

Jess: **Problem solved.**

▶ 장면 1. 롤플레이 연습

그러면 두 번째 장면 롤플레이 들어볼까요?

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(M)Scene #3: Talking about relationship with boss 직장 상사와의 관계에 대해 조언 구하기

Mandy: **I can't figure out how to get my supervisor to like me.**

** figure out : 이해하다. (방법을) 알다. / I can't figure out how to do this.

Dave: What's going on? Is everything okay?

Mandy: **Every time I report something to him, he doesn't seem to be satisfied with my work.**

** 표현 : satisfied with ~ : ~에 만족하다. 예) She was satisfied with the result. 그녀는 결과에 만족했다.

Dave: Does he tell you why? 그가 너에게 왜 그런지는 말을 한거야?

Mandy: **Yeah, kind of, but not in detail. I have to do some digging into his thoughts and words to find answers.** 그 해답을 찾기 위해 그의 생각과 말을 좀 파헤쳐 봐야 할 것 같아요. ** **dig into ~ ~을 파헤치다**

Dave: **Maybe that's his managing style.** Maybe **he's the type of person that** gives you a few hints, but wants you to **figure things out by yourself.** 아마 그게 그 사람이 관리(매니징) 스타일 일 수도 있어.

Mandy: Hmm maybe. **Well, on the bright side, I feel like I'm becoming an expert in this area. Slowly, but surely.** **표현 : on the bright side, 긍정적으로 / on the dark side : 비관적으로

Dave: Well, **that's a blessing in disguise.** (전화위복이야.. 슬픔을 가장한 축복) **You learn a lot by working with him although it seems like it stresses you out.** ** stress out : 스트레스를 받다.

Mandy: I guess you're right.

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- he doesn't seem to be satisfied with my work.
- I have to do some digging into his thoughts and words to find answers.
- Maybe he's the type of person that gives you a few hints, but wants you to figure things out by yourself.
- on the bright side, I feel like I'm becoming an expert in this area.
- that's a blessing in disguise.
- You learn a lot by working with him although it seems like it stresses you out.