

《Sample》

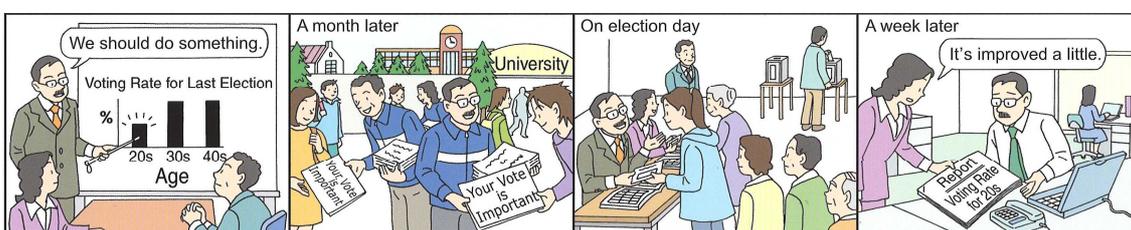
You have **one minute** to prepare.

This is a story about a city-hall employee who was helping organize a local election.

You have **two minutes** to narrate the story.

Your story should begin with the following sentence:

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【Model Narration】

One day, a city-hall employee was holding a meeting with his co-workers. They were discussing the voting rate for the previous election. The man was pointing at a graph that showed the low voting rate for people in their 20s, and he said that something should be done about it. A month later, the man and his co-workers were handing out leaflets at the entrance of a university. The leaflets explained the importance of voting, and several students were taking them. On election day, the man and his co-workers were helping people with the voting process. The man was handing a ballot to a young woman. A week later, the man was sitting at his desk in his office. One of his co-workers brought him a report about the voting rate for people in their 20s in the recent election. She told him that the rate had improved a little.

【Questions】

No. 1 Please look at the fourth picture. If you were the man, what would you be thinking?

I'd be thinking, "It's disappointing that only a few more young people voted. However, if we continue our campaign, the voting rate may increase more in the future."

I'd be thinking that perhaps handing out leaflets was not the best way to raise young people's awareness about voting, so we need to come up with some better solutions.

No. 2 Why do you think that many young people today seem to have little interest in politics?

I don't think students learn enough about important social issues in school, so they don't realize how political decisions actually affect their own lives.

Many young people believe that politics is only for the older generation. They think that even if they got involved in politics, nobody would listen to their ideas.

No. 3 Should local governments provide more services for the community?

Yes. In my area, there's no bus service. It's hard for senior citizens to get to the store unless they have a car, so the local government should invest in public transportation.

On the whole, I think services are adequate. However, in certain cases, such as providing childcare facilities for working parents, improvement is needed.

No. 4 Do you think that more people will choose to work beyond retirement age in the future?

Yes. The amount of money people receive from the national pension system will decrease in the future, so they'll have to continue working to lead a comfortable lifestyle.

No. A growing number of company workers are already choosing to retire early so that they can pursue their own interests or spend more time with their families.