

EI KEN PRE 1<sup>st</sup> SPEAKING  
LESSON 2

You have one minute to prepare.

This is a story about a couple who moved to a house with a yard.

You have two minutes to narrate the story.

Your story should begin with the following sentence.

One day, a couple was sitting outside in their new yard.



QUESTIONS

- No. 1 Please look at the fourth picture. If you were the husband, what would you be thinking?
- No. 2 Do you think that people should treat pets like members of the family?
- No. 3 Do hospitals in Japan provide people with sufficient care?
- No. 4 Should the government do more to protect the environment?

## SAMPLE ANSWERS

One day, a couple was sitting outside in their new yard. The husband suggested to his wife that they get a dog. His wife thought this was a good idea, and she imagined playing with a dog in the yard. A few days later, the couple was at the pet store and had just bought a puppy. The store clerk offered them pet insurance for \$20 per month, but the husband said they did not want it. A year later, however, the couple was walking on the beach with their dog. The dog stepped on some broken glass and hurt its leg. Later that day, the couple was at an animal hospital. Their dog had received treatment, and had a bandage on its leg. The wife was showing her husband the bill, which said that the cost for the treatment was \$500.

- No. 1. I'd be thinking, " I wish we'd taken out pet insurance when we bought our dog. If we had, we wouldn't have to pay this expensive bill.
- No. 2 Yes. Pets should be treated well as they are living creatures just like us. Pets also bring pleasure to their owners, so they deserve to be considered part of the family.
- No. 3 Yes. In my experience, hospitals are well equipped and efficiently run. The doctors are also highly skilled and treat patients well despite being very busy.
- No. 4 Yes. Every year, more of the countryside is developed and pollution from factories increases. If the government doesn't make stricter rules soon, it may be too late to save the environment.