

EIKEN PRE 1st SPEAKING
LESSON 10

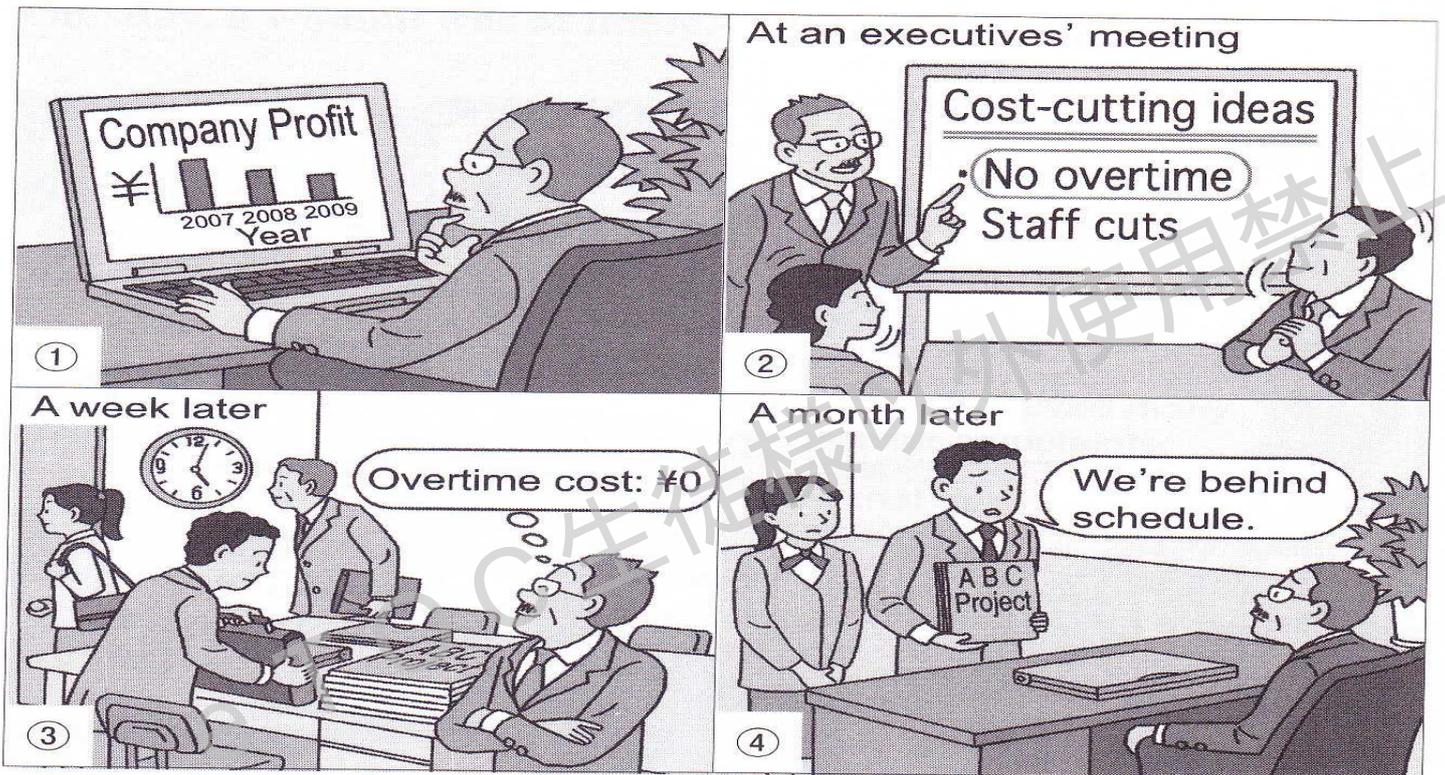
You have one minute to prepare.

This is a story about a company president who wanted to cut costs.

You have two minutes to narrate the story.

Your story should begin with the following sentence.

One day, a company president was in his office.



QUESTIONS

- No. 1 Please look at the fourth picture. If you were the company president, what would you be thinking?
- No. 2 Do you think that most companies treat employees with enough respect?
- No. 3 Do you think that people are more wasteful with their money these days?
- No. 4 Should employees be promoted based on their work performance or on the length of time they have worked for their company?

SAMPLE ANSWERS

One day, a company president was in his office. He was looking at a graph that showed the company's profit over the last three years. He was concerned to see to see that profit had been gradually dropping. At an executives' meeting, the president discussed ways to cut costs with the other executives. There were two ideas written on the whiteboard, and the one that said "No overtime" had been circled. The executives all agreed to introduce this new rule. A week later, it was just after 5 p.m., and the employees in the office were getting ready to leave. The president was pleased because the company would not have to pay overtime and could therefore save money. A month later, however, two employees came to the president's office to talk to him. They looked worried, and explained to him that the project they were working on was behind schedule.

No. 1 I'd be thinking, " We need to find a way to help employees work more efficiently. It might be a good idea to provide training in time-management skills."

No. 2 I think so. Some, for example, ask for employees' opinions and suggestions regarding company policies, and then use these to think of ways to improve working conditions.

No. 3 Yes. People had less money in the past, so they were careful how they spent it. But many young people today have never had to worry about money, so they buy whatever they want.

No.4 Both are important. Employees should be rewarded to some extent for showing loyalty to their company, but it doesn't make sense to promote them if they aren't performing well.