

Lesson 36

1 TOPIC QUESTION

今日のトピック

Do you agree that blood is thicker than water?

血は水より濃い、ということわざに納得しますか？



2 ARTICLE

記事

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

課題：以下の記事をはっきりとした声で音読しましょう。

Thoughts On Blood Being Thicker Than Water

There is a saying that has been around for centuries that goes like this, “Blood is thicker than water.” One may wonder if this is true and if you have doubts then just ask a mother or father if they would give their life for that of their child. The answer is always “YES” because it is based on a deep feeling of total love. If a family member gets sick then you drop everything and immediately go to their side to comfort and care for them.

In many countries the blood of a family is so thick that when one family member is harmed or slighted in any way it is considered an insult on the entire family. There have been stories of family members that are living far apart from each other and when one of them is injured the other one feels very strongly that something is wrong. This is especially true when there are twins or triplets in a family.

It is also true that when something good happens to a family member, quite often the other members that are very close to that person experience the feeling of joy as well. Perhaps you, have at some point in your life, felt a sudden shiver or warmth and found out later that something had happened to a family member close to you.

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3 VOCABULARY

語い

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

課題: 先生の後が続いてくり返した後、今度はひとりで発音してみましょう。

blood 血、血縁関係
thicker より濃い
entire 全体の
harmed 危害を加えられる

slighted 侮辱される
shiver 震え、寒気
triplets 三つ子

4 QUESTIONS

質問

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

課題: 質問を声に出して読んだ後、答えてみましょう。

1. What is an example of blood being thicker than water?
2. What are some indications of the strength of blood ties?
3. Can family members feel the joys and ills of other family members?
4. Do you have any experience of feeling the joy or trouble of a family member?