

EIKEN PRE 1st SPEAKING LESSON 23

You have **one minute** to prepare.

This is a story about a young woman who commuted to work by bus.

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

Your story should begin with the following sentence.

One morning at breakfast, a woman was reading the newspaper.



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- No. 1** If you were the elderly woman in the third picture, what would you be thinking?
- No. 2** Please look at the fourth picture. Do you think the young woman should have offered to give up her seat?
- No. 3** Recently, some train companies in Japan have introduced train carriages for women only. Do you think this is a good idea?
- No. 4** Do you think senior citizens are valued enough in society?

One morning at breakfast, a woman was reading the newspaper. There was an article about the increasing number of elderly people in society and how they should be cared for. The woman looked concerned. When she was on her way to work that day, she saw an elderly man get on the bus. There was nowhere for him to sit, so she gladly got up and gave the man her seat. The man was appreciative and thanked her for her kindness. That evening, on her way home from work, the woman was again sitting down on a crowded bus. This time, however, she was holding several bags and looked very tired. When an elderly woman got on, the young woman hesitated. She felt she should give up her seat, but she had so many things to carry. Just then, the elderly man next to her stood up and offered his seat instead. The young woman was surprised.

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No. 4 *Yes, I think so. Many older people are asked to continue working after they retire because they have a lot of experience and knowledge to pass on to younger staff.*