

App

1. Dialogue Practice.

Jack: Hey. Waddup?

Shohei: Nothing much. What the hell is it?

Jack: Oh, you don't know? "Pokémon Go." **This is a very popular game app.** I'm playing it every day.

Shohei: Um, how should I say.... It's kind of old-fashioned, huh?
When I was an elementary school student, I used to play the role-playing video game.

Jack: No no no. It's fashionable, trendy. This app is an augmented reality mobile game, in which the players use a map based on their geographical location.

Shohei: Wow. AR and VR are very popular now. But isn't it the waste of time?

Jack: Actually, the answer is NO. You can get a good workout so it keeps you healthy. You have to walk a long distance in order to catch Pokémon, fictional creatures on the game. Besides, you sometimes get a new friend through this App. Oh, so, do you have a go-to app? I mean, which app do you often use?

Shohei: There are three **go-to apps**. First, Google Map. I'm not good with directions, so while traveling somewhere, this app is my reliable partner. Second, Netflix. It provides unlimited streaming TV shows and movies, and now is essential to study English. One of the good points is you can much more easily switch over subtitles between Japanese and English than other streaming services. Sometimes it freezes, though.

Jack: And?

Shohei: Yeah. Last one is a route search app. In a big city, like Tokyo, one station has a lot of lines, so sometimes I'm not sure which train to take. A train route search app makes your travel very efficient. **Do you know any good apps?**

Jack: Kindle. You can get most of the books at a discount price. Plus, unlike paper-based books, you don't have to carry books, so you can travel light.

2. Check your understanding

1. What app does Jack often use?
2. Why did Shohei say “old-fashioned”?
3. Jack gives 2 good points about the app he is obsessed with. What are they?
4. Shohei often uses 3 apps. What are they?
5. Jack gives 2 good points about *Kindle*. What are they?

3. Vocabulary

- ☐ 調子どう? Waddup? = What's up?
- ☐ 一体～ <疑問詞強調> **正式**①in the world ②on earth **カジュアル** the hell
- ☐ いつもどおりだよ。 Nothing much. / Nothing special.
- ☐ (スマホの)アプリ app
- ☐ なんて言ったらいいか... how should I say...
- ☐ 時代遅れの old-fashioned
- ☐ ～だよな? ～huh? / right?
- ☐ なんか / なんとなく kind of ~
- ☐ 昔はよく～した I used to do
- ☐ ロールプレイングゲーム role-playing game
- ☐ 流行っている fashionable / trendy
- ☐ 拡張現実 augmented reality (AR)
- ☐ ～, その中で... , in which ~ (≒and in it)
- ☐ ～に基づいて/た based on ~
- ☐ 地理的な geographical
- ☐ 位置, 場所 location
- ☐ 仮想現実 VR(virtual reality)
- ☐ それ時間の無駄じゃない? Isn't it the waste of time?
- ☐ (ジムなどの)運動 workout
- ☐ それで健康でいられる it keeps you healthy
- ☐ 長距離を歩く walk a long distance
- ☐ 架空の fictional
- ☐ 頼りになる ~ go-to ~
- ☐ 私が言いたいのは I mean,
[つまり]
- ☐ ～を扱うのが得意じゃない I'm not good with ~
- ☐ 方向音痴なんだ。 I'm not good with directions.
- ☐ 信頼できる相棒 a/my reliable partner
- ☐ 見放題のストリーミング
によるテレビ番組や映画 unlimited streaming TV shows and movies
- ☐ ～を切り替える switch over ~
- ☐ 字幕 subtitle
- ☐ (PC/スマホが)固まる freeze
- ☐ 道案内アプリ route search app
- ☐ 路線 line
- ☐ 割引価格で at a discount price
- ☐ ～と違って unlike ~
- ☐ 身軽に移動する travel light

4. Practice

Fill in the blanks above. There are 3 situations.

(1)

A: ----- . This is a very popular game app. I'm using it every day.
B: Oh, I'll try it.

(2)

A: Um, there are two go-to apps. One is ----- . ----- . Another is ----- .
----- .
B: Great to hear that. But I've ever used a similar app, but that was a jerk. So, I'm worried. Isn't it the waste of time?
A: ----- . ----- .

(3)

A: Do you know any good app?
B: *Genius English Dictionary*.
A: I think electronic dictionary will do.
B: No. ----- .

What's up?

カジュアルな間で使う。How are you?と同じで調子を尋ねる表現だが、What are you doing these days?(最近何しているの)のニュアンスがある。

<使い方> 基本(1)(2)

(1) 最近どうしてるの? (≒What's new?)

(2) ≒Hi / Hey

e.g. A: What's up?(やあ/よう) B: What's up?(やあ/よう)

(3) What's up+時間 ≒What's your plan?

e.g. What's up tonight?

<答え方>

Nothing much. / Nothing special. / Nothing. / Not much.

Experiment Video about “What’s up?”

<https://youtu.be/MdErncQJRWM>



5. Discussion

1. What app do you think is the most popular today?
2. What app do you often use?
3. Do you have a go-to app?
4. What is an advantage of apps?
5. What is a disadvantage of apps?
6. What app do you use most frequently?
7. What do you think about payment apps, like *PayPay*?
8. In Japanese traffic transportation, you can pay a fare by smartphone's app instead of IC card, smart card. What is a good point?
9. Have you ever screwed up about buying some apps?