

### Present Progressive vs "Sometimes"

#### V-る + ことがある

"There are times when" "Sometimes..."

① Occasional occurrence ② Adverbs of Frequency like "いつも", "よく" "ときどき", "たまに" are used

たまに日本のしょうせつを読むことがあります。 I read Japanese novels occasionally.

!□!□Formation:

V-る

い-Adj / な-Adj + ことがある

Noun + である

#### V-た + ことがある

"I have done/been..."

日本人と好きあったことがある？ Have you dated a Japanese person?

### "Have never done" "Have not..yet" "No need to"

#### V-た + こと(が)ない / ありません

Negative Present Perfect Tense  
"I have never done..."

この映画は見たこと(が)ない。 I have never seen this movie before.

#### V-て (は)ない\*\*

"Haven't done... yet"

A.新しい映画を見ましたが。 Have you seen the new movie? B. うん、見てない。 I haven't seen it yet.

VS. すみませんでした。 I didn't watch. (Sounds like you chose to not watch it but decided not to after all.)

#### V-た + こと(は)ない / ありません

"There is no need to..."

明日のテストは簡単だから心配することはないよ。 Tomorrow's test will be easy, so it's nothing to worry

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### "I decided to do (something)"

#### V-る + ことにする

"I JUST decided to (do something)..."

① Used if the activity will be a habit ② If you have decided to do something JUST NOW

これから毎日ランニングをすることにする。 I've decided to go running every day from now on.

#### V-る + ことにしている

Nuance: I've decided to do so and I make it my personal rule. "

Note: Do not use it for things people do because of their national customs or tradition.

アメリカにすんでいるけど、げんかんでくつをぬぐことにしている。 Although I live in the US, I make it a rule to take off my shoes at the entrance.

#### V-る + ことにした

"I decided to..."

-The decision was made not JUST now but it was a week/a month ago.

家を買うことにした。 I decided to buy a house.

#### V-ない + ことにした

"I decided not to..."

-The decision was made not JUST now but it was a week/a month ago.

寝る前に食べないことにした。 I've decided to stop eating before going to bed.

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### "I decided to do (something)" (cont)

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### "It's been decided" vs "Decided on N"

V-る + ことになる

It's been decided..."

<N> を 決める (きめる)

"To decide on / to choose <No-un>

-The decision is made by somebody else or you made the decision WITH somebody else (eg. It's the law, rule). Things that you did not decide and you have to follow that rule.

明日 6 時に会うことになった。WE decided/agreed to meet at 6 tomorrow. (The decision was mutual)

こたえを決める。To decide on / to choose an answer.

### "To become (something)" "To finally become"

(N) になる / V-る ことになる

~~な~~ Adj + になる / ~~な~~ Adj + くなる

① To naturally become    ② The change is expected by everyone

③ To change time/season

よるになった。It became night.

いしゃになる。To become a doctor.

N + となる / V-る こととなる

-Adjectives do not come before ...となる。

-Has the feeling of "Finally!"

けっこんすることとなる。We are finally getting married. (After all the heartbreak and ups and downs)

たなかさんはいしゃとなる。Tanaka is finally a doctor! (After all the struggles he has experienced)

### "Used to do something" Nostalgia\*

V-たもんだ

"Used to V..."

よく... V たっけ? "Used to always V"

① Used to recall something from the past and get that feeling of nostalgia    ② Adding adverb of frequency in your sentence also adds that nostalgic feeling because if this is not added, it will sound like you just can't remember it and just trying to recall something

Words often used with this grammar: ① 【昔】

むかしは V-た 物だ: Back in the day, I used to V

② よく: Often    ③ Adverb of

frequency

Words often used: よく/毎日/毎週; Adverb of frequency

よく【祖父】そふの【田んぼ】たんぼの手伝いをしていたもんだ。I used to often help with my grandpa's rice field.

よく家族とここに来たっけ。I used to come here often with my family.

VS

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### "Used to do something" Nostalgia\* (cont)

【家族】 かぞくとよくここに来たもんだ。 I used to come here often with my family.

家族とここに来たっけ？ Did I come here with my family?

### "Used to V"

-Expresses the nostalgia

-Speaker used to do something often in the past and you do not do it anymore

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