

# Lesson 8 The Japanese People's Sense of Time

## Part 1

A: It's time once again

(HPのため日本語訳は省略しています)

for *Japan Datalogue* .

Today,

we will talk about the results

of a survey

on the Japanese people's sense of time.

B: I feel

that Japanese nowadays

are so strict about time

and occasionally thought

to be even too "impatient."

A: That's right.

Today,

I would first like to tell you

about the results of a survey,

carried out in 2000

by an advertising agency.

They showed

how long it took

the Japanese to become irritated

when they were waiting for

something or someone.

According to the survey,

it took less than seven minutes

for people to become irritated

at a supermarket checkout,

and around eleven minutes  
waiting for a train to arrive.

The results showed  
that people became irritated in  
around twenty minutes  
when they were waiting  
for a friend who was late  
for an appointment.

B: In my country  
we don't expect  
the trains to run on time,  
so we don't care so much.

Do you think  
there is a difference  
between the generations  
in the amount of time  
it takes to become irritated?

A: From the various waiting times  
that I just introduced,  
it was found  
that the time it takes for  
young people in their twenties  
to become irritated  
was actually a little longer  
compared to the survey average.

More and more young people now  
have mobile phones  
and are able to change appointment times,  
and this is believed  
to contribute to this result.













