

Read the following passage and answer the questions below.

In the modern workplace, words are as powerful as actions, for they shape how we are understood and respected. One afternoon, Kenji, a young employee in the marketing department, sighed after being assigned a new task. “I feel a bit *yakubusoku*,” he said in  
5 Japanese, intending to mean that the work was beyond his ability. His senior colleague, Ms. Tanaka, looked up from her desk with a gentle smile.

“Kenji,” she said, “I think you might be using that word the wrong way. *Yakubusoku* doesn’t mean you are not skilled enough.  
10 It actually means the opposite—that the role is too small for your ability.” Kenji blinked, clearly surprised.

Ms. Tanaka continued, “If you want to say the job is difficult for you, you should say *jitsuryoku busoku*—lack of ability. But if you say *yakubusoku*, people may think you’re complaining that the  
15 assignment is beneath you.” She spoke with both clarity and kindness, guiding him without wounding his pride.

Kenji laughed awkwardly, rubbing the back of his neck. “I see. So I almost gave the wrong impression.”

“Yes,” Ms. Tanaka nodded, “and in communication, the wrong  
20 impression can be more damaging than a small mistake. Always choose words that reflect your true intention.”

(1)At the bottom of whose presentation takes place a lesson—subtle in form yet weighty in consequence—far more enduring than the data displayed: the realization that words, when misused, may  
25 betray intention and, by doing so, corrode trust—yet, when chosen with care, they can confer respect and secure cooperation.

Ms. Tanaka smiled and said, “(2)Kenji, language casts a spell of its own, and when misused, it harms more than careless hands do—sometimes marring reputation, sometimes deciding the very lot of a  
30 career, and always, in ways subtle but enduring, leaving marks far deeper than we intend.”

Q1.

Translate the underlined part (1) into Japanese.

Q2.

Translate the underlined part (2) into Japanese.

Q3.

In the passage above, the importance of friendship that does not waver even in adversity is discussed. What do you think about such friendship? Write your own opinion in English in about 100–120 words.