



Globally 160,000 plastic bags are used every second*

PLASTIC BAGS 2

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Yamashita Haruka: Wow! Really? (Um) I didn't know that.

José Cruz: And, and I think that's what we need to be aware of (Mm), is um- is that we we produce so much garbage. (Mm mm) I'll ask you. For example, today, I bought my lunch. (Mm-hmm) And the very nice ladies at the the parlour (Yeah) know me (Uh huh) and they look at me, "Oh it's Mr. Cruz", and they know that Mr. Cruz doesn't usually use chopsticks. He usually brings his own **sh-chopsticks**, (Oh yeah) but I forgot mine today, so...

Haruka: Because you were too busy today.

José: That's right. (Yeah) So the lady at the parlour said, "Oh, Mr Cruz, you don't need chopsticks, do you?", (Uh-huh) "No I need them today," "Oh you need them today! And-uh but you don't want a plastic bag, right?" (Yeah) I said, "No, I don't want a plastic bag."

Haruka: I actually do- do kind of the same thing. (Really?) I every time- I I- I use parlour a lot, (Mm) but every time I use parlour. I just say, *A-Ano ka- bag iranai desu.*

José: "I don't want a plastic bag." Yeah.

Haruka: *Plastic bag iranai desu. And then they remember me (Mm mm) because I was-yeah.*

José: Because we're very rare.

Haruka: Yeah it's so rare to say like, no plastic bag. So like *"Ah! Mitai na"*

José: They're very happy to see you (Yeah) And most of the students don't even think about it. (Mm-hmm) And it it- I'm I'm trying to think about a way of making a campaign. (Uh huh) To get the students to under...

Haruka: To not to use plastic bag?

José: Uh- eh, if you watch carefully, if you sit at a table and you watch these students carefully, they will go the register at the parlour, they'll buy their lunch, they'll take it in the bag, **and then they'll** go to the table (Yeah) about 30 metres away. Take out their lunch and then throw away the bag! And I'm- (Yes! Yeah yeah) It just drives me crazy!

Haruka: I just- I wanted to say that actually. I wanted to mention about it because I couldn't understand why they need a plastic bag. Yeah. They don't really need it.

José: And and- and not only like- I can understand if you have three or four things. (Yes) But somebody buys one rice ball...

Haruka: Uh huh, **and just like...**

José: And they still use a plastic bag!

Haruka: Yeah I cannot unde- I can't completely understand (Mm) their feeling (Mm) why they need it. And like, what?

José: So I was- I've always been kind of been wondering, but I've never met enough students who would be interested in working with me for let's say the school festival. (Uh-huh) We we make a photo booth uh with video and with explanations and- to try to encourage people to stop using plastic bags

for things like one item, one PET bottle. I've seen- I see people buying a PET bottle drink and then they put it in a plastic bag, (Yeah) and then they go outside throw away the bag and start walking with the drink in their hand. And it drives me crazy! (Yes exactly) It drives me crazy. Um (Yeah) but I think there's a lot of hope for for things like that uh uh. I also- Did I tell you that I want to put solar panels on my roof?

Haruka: Oh really? I didn't know that.

José: Yeah. I want to put sola- (Really?) Yeah uh, I- I think that would help. Uh I want to...

Haruka: During the renovation of your house?

José: Well the renovations are finished. I just (Yeah I know) want to get solar panels now (**Just recently?**) I **WANT** to get them. I haven't gotten them yet.

Haruka: Ahh you want to. OK.

José: I want to get them. (Uh-huh) And maybe buy- (That's so cool) I want to buy an electric

motorcycle. (*Ho*) Not an electric car, an electric motorcycle. I already have a car, (Uh-huh) but I thought an electric motorcycle would be fun for moving around here and there (Oh motorcycle) Well I uh- a motorcycle or a small car. But not a- I already have a big car. (Yeah!) I don't want...

Haruka: A really really, really big one. Really big!

José: It's a little too big. (Uh-huh) But, I already have a big car. I want something that has a different role (Uh-huh) to play (Uh-huh) And doesn't use that much electricity (Uh-huh) Because then I can completely power it from my solar panels (Oh that's cool) Yeah. I hope that works out. (Uh-huh. Yeah)

Word count	Time	Words/Min.
776	3:54	198.97

Pointers:

sh- chopsticks: José noticed that he was about to mispronounce chopsticks, so he corrected himself (0:25)

A- Ano: Haruka was retelling the story in Japanese. (0:51)

and then they'll: notice how quickly José says these three words (1:30)

and just like: Here Haruka uses a very natural way to introduce a statement but José interrupts her before she finishes (2:03)

Just recently?: Throughout this part of the conversation Haruka doesn't give up on trying to understand clearly (3:05)

WANT: "want" implies a future uncompleted action, so when José emphasizes this, Haruka understands that it's in the future (3:07)

Discussion:

Do you always receive a plastic bag wherever you go shopping?

What kinds of plastic items do you think are unnecessary?

Can you imagine a world where you have to pay for plastic bags? How about drinking straws?

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