

## Lesson 47: "Take Double the Payback" is Booming!

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about *"Take Double the Payback" is Booming!*

Have fun learning English!

### Warm-up | Useful Expressions

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**Directions:** Listen and repeat.

#### Vocabulary

- **Booming** - Having a period of popularity.
- **Doozy** – Something outstanding or unique of its kind (noun)
- **TV ratings** - The statistics of the people watching a certain television show.
- **Antagonist** - The term used to determine the bad guys in a story.
- **Fraudulent** - dishonest and illegal
- **Predicament** - Difficult or embarrassing situation.
- **Protagonist** - The term used to determine the good guys in a story.

#### Expressions

- **An eye for an eye** - If someone does something wrong, they should be punished by having the same thing done to them.
- **Foam from your mouth** – To be very angry.
- **Cheat** - A person who behaves dishonestly.
- **Talk of the town** - Very popular and everyone is talking about it.
- **Revenge is a dish best served cold** - Revenge is satisfying when it is not done immediately.
- **All your troubles will be far away.** – All of your problems will be over.
- **You are right on the button.** - You are very right.

## Activity 1 | Dialogue

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**Directions:** Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

*Inna and Reshi talked about a popular TV series "Hanzawa Naoki."*

**Reshi:** Hey Inna! Have you heard about this **booming** TV series by TBS nowadays?

**Inna:** Yes! I am actually following it. It is indeed very popular since it holds over 30% of the **TV ratings!**

**Reshi:** Really? Wow. It really is now the **talk of the town**. Everybody is watching this TV series.

**Inna:** You are right! It is really a **doozy**. I love the part when Naoki was **foaming from his mouth** because of his bosses, saying "**An eye for an eye**, take double the payback!!"

**Reshi:** Yeah, I love it, too! Especially because the **antagonists** are very deceiving. His boss really is a **cheat**.

**Inna:** Yeah, yeah! I admire Naoki's perspective, "**revenge is a dish best served cold**." His boss is also the person behind the **fraudulent** accounts that made the company go bankrupt!

**Reshi:** I just love watching that TV series!! It is no wonder it is very popular, I mean, everybody seems to relate Naoki's **predicament** to their own circumstances at the workplace! I think it is because everybody has experienced the same thing as Naoki, to some degree!

**Inna :** Yes, and the **protagonist** is someone to look up to, because of his clever mind. It reminds people that with patience, **all your troubles will be far away!** Actually, when my boss gave me tons of tasks yesterday, I shouted, "I'll take double the payback!!" at him in my mind.

**Reshi:** **You are right on the button!** Take ten times the payback! (*laugh*)

**Inna:** No, I'll take it back a hundred times!! (*more laugh*)

**Check your understanding:** Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Inna say the TV program "*Hanzawa Naoki*" is very popular?
2. Why do Reshi and Inna believe that this TV series has a great lesson?
3. What did Reshi say about the boss of Naoki in the TV series?
4. Why does Reshi think that people can relate to the story of Naoki?

## Activity 2 | Discussion

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**Directions:** Discuss the following idiomatic expressions with your teacher. Share your thoughts about them.

- **An eye for an eye!**
- **I will avenge doubly!**
- **Revenge is a dish best served cold!**
- **Karma will just reach you!**
- **What goes around, comes around.**
- **Keep your guard up!**
- **You'll pay for this!**
- **Watch your back!**

### Activity 3 | Free Conversation

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**Directions:** Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

1. Have you seen a movie or read a story about revenge? Can you tell me about it?
2. Why do you think this Japanese drama and its signature phrase "(I'll) take Double the Payback" became so popular?
3. Have you ever felt or actually "took double the payback" toward someone?
4. What do you think is the most effective way to take revenge on someone?
5. Do you think taking a vengeance on someone who did you wrong, is a good thing?  
(Note: vengeance = revenge)