

## Genetics

A husband, who is a scientist, is constantly looking into a microscope. The husband shouts to the wife who is in the next room.

**M:** My love! Do we have anything to eat?

**W:** (comes to him in a bad mood) We have only rice, as always! What else can we have to eat?

**M:** Um... How many times are you going to say the same thing?

**W:** How can we live like this? We have neither money, nor a car, nor even a nice house! And look at our neighbor: he has everything, including new cars, big houses, yachts and restaurants...

**M:** How dare you say this to me? Don't even compare me and our neighbor. Our neighbor finished 4 grades at school, and that's all his education. I'm a scientist! I'm a doctor of science at a research institute!

**W:** So what? What next?

**M:** Aren't you proud of the fact that your husband is a scientist? That I do a very interesting job? I research human genes! It's probably the most important science in the world. (The man is STILL looking into the microscope.)

**W:** I don't care what you research!

**M:** Oh, you don't care? You know it yourself that my grandfather was a scientist, my father was a scientist, I'm a scientist. And you don't have to worry about it – our daughter will be a scientist too! It's genetics. These are the paternal genes. It always works like that.

**W:** Paternal genes you say? Then I won't worry about your daughter... She will have new cars, big houses, yachts, and restaurants!

**M:** Sorry... were you saying something? I got distracted by this microscope.

**W:** No, nothing... Go eat your rice, FATHER.

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\*\*\* It's a Good Expression \*\*\*

(今回の重要表現)

yacht

ヨット (発音注意)

How dare you

よく～できるな (怒りの感情を表す表現)

doctor

博士

research institute

研究所

proud of the fact that

～という事実を誇りに思う

paternal genes

父からきた遺伝子

work like that

そうなるようになっている

get distracted by

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