

## Conversation A New CEO



Takao : I heard we're going to have a new female CEO. I wonder what her **revival** for the company will be like.

Brent : Well, first she was going to **minimize** the size of the **assembly line**. In other words, some plants were scheduled to be closed.

Takao : But she changed her mind, right? Surely she doesn't want to **lay off** any workers. What is her new plan like?

Brent : Well, she has a really **dynamic** plan to remove the most **malignant** elements in the company's structure. She said the previous CEO and managers caused the present critical condition with the "old boys club." They created a mentality of **interdependence** between the company, the banks and the suppliers that led to the **shirking** of responsibility.

Takao : So it's not the workers who are responsible?

Brent : That's right . It's not the workers' fault. It's the fault of **top-heavy** management. The number of our suppliers needs to be cut in half. But if our company is truly to be reborn, we all have to agree to follow her new revival plan. If we don't, our company may have to **amalgamate** with larger one.

Vocabulary	Meaning
revival	bringing again into activity and prominence
minimize	make small or insignificant
assembly line	mechanical system in a factory whereby an article is conveyed through sites at which successive operations are performed on it
lay off	dismiss, usually for economic reasons
dynamic	an efficient incentive
malignant	extremely malevolent or malicious
interdependence	a reciprocal relation between interdependent entities
shirking	the evasion of work or duty
top-heavy	unstable by being overloaded at the top
amalgamate	joined together into a whole