

Bromance Broken: The End of Trump and Musk’s Friendship

- 1 President Donald Trump and Elon Musk were good friends. Some people called their friendship a ①“bromance” — a close friendship between two men.
- 2 In 2022, Musk bought Twitter (now X). He let Trump come back to the platform. (On January 6, 2021, there was a big riot at the U.S. Capitol. Many people believed Trump helped start it. After that, Trump was banned from Twitter.)
- 3 After Trump won the 2024 election, he gave Musk a special job. Musk became head of the new office called DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency)*. This office tried to cut spending and reduce the size of the government. *Department of Government Efficiency 政府効率化省
- 4 May 30th was Musk’s last day at DOGE. Trump held a ceremony and gave Musk a big key. He called Musk “a very special person.”
- 5 But their bromance didn’t last long. In June, Musk said he didn’t agree with Trump’s new bill, calling it “One Big, Beautiful Bill” (OBB). He said, “The bill is not good. First, it wastes money. Second, it doesn’t help EV companies like Tesla.” He was very angry because Trump stopped supporting EV companies without telling him.
- 6 Trump told Musk to leave and stopped the EV rule that helps EV companies. Musk answered, ②“Without me, Trump would have lost the election.” They continued to fight online.
- 7 On June 11th, Musk apologized. But many say their bromance is over. Their story shows that even strong friendships can break easily when people fight over power and pride.

close	近い・親しい	riot	暴動	Capitol	国会議事堂	ban	禁止する	election	選挙
government	政府	last	long	長く続く	bill	法案	() with	～:～に賛成する	
EV=electric vehicle(電気自動車) ()謝罪する ★覚えた言葉()									

- Q1 トランプ大統領とマスク氏の関係は①bromance と呼ばれていますが、これはどのような意味ですか。
- Q2 Why was Trump banned from Twitter in 2021?
- Q3 What did Musk do in 2022 that changed Trump’s situation on Twitter?
- Q4 トランプ大統領は、マスク氏にどのような役職を与えましたか。
- Q5 On May 30th, what did Trump give to Musk at the ceremony?
- Q6 なぜマスク氏は、トランプ氏の新しい法案(OBB)を批判したのですか。2つの理由を書きましょう。
- Q7 Why was Musk very angry about the EV rule?
- Q8 下線②を訳しましょう。
- Q9 Who said “sorry” after the fight, Trump or Musk?
- Q10 What does this article say about friendship at the end?

Q11 Do you think Musk and Trump can become friends again? Why or why not?

Q12 次のアメリカ人中学生 Sam のメールにお返事を書いて下さい。

Subject: What Do You Think About Musk and Twitter?

Hi! I just read news about Elon Musk and Donald Trump.

They were good friends, but now they're not.

I am wondering if Musk was right to let Trump come back to Twitter...

I have two questions:

1. Do you think Twitter was better before, or is X better now?
2. And do you think friendships can survive big fights like this?

Sam

Hi, Sam! Thank you for your message.

★次の文を 3 回ずつ読んで暗唱しよう！

- ☐ “Without my help, Trump would not have won the election.” [仮定法過去完了]
- ☐ The bromance of Trump and Musk is over.
- ☐ Tesla is an EV company.

今日の文法：仮定法

(1) 仮定法過去...現実には起こっていないことに対し、空想・妄想を表します。

If **主語** **動詞の過去形**, **主語** **would (could)** + **動詞の原形** .

↑ * If 節の動詞が be 動詞の場合、were を用います

1 次の文を和訳しましょう。

1. If I were a bird, I could fly in the sky.
2. If I had more money, I would buy a new smartphone.

2 正しい動詞を選びましょう。

1. もし戦争がなければ、人々はもっと自由になれるだろう。

If there (are / were) no wars, people (will / would) be more free.

2. もしトランプがマスクにもっと優しくければ、彼らは友人に戻れるだろう。

If Trump (is / were) kinder to Musk, they (can become / could become) friends again.

3 Fill in the blanks.

1. もし私が大統領なら、給食を無料にするだろう。

If I () a president, I () make school lunch free for everyone.

2. もし私の家族がペットを飼っていれば、私は毎日散歩に行くだろう。

If my family () a pet, I () () for a walk with the pet every day.

(2) 仮定法過去完了...すでに終わった過去に対する後悔や、セピア色の思い出の回想などを表します。

If **主語** **had 過去分詞**, **主語** **would (could) have** + **過去分詞** .

4 次の文を和訳しましょう。

1. If I had studied harder, I could have passed the test last year.
2. Musk said, "If I had not helped, Trump would have lost the election."

5 正しい動詞を選びましょう。

1. 昨年、もしトランプが選挙に負けていたら、マスクは特別な仕事をもらえなかっただろう。

If Trump (lost / had lost) the election, Musk would not (get / have got) a special job.

2. もしマスクがツイッターを買っていなければ、トランプはツイッターに戻ってこれなかっただろう。

If Musk (did not buy / had not bought) Twitter, Trump wouldn't (return / have returned) to it.

6 「もしも私がアメリカの大統領なら...」という書き出しで、仮定法過去の例文を3つ作りましょう。