



## Learn Japanese Pod with Yoshiko and Alex Street Japanese #02 - Shoganai

### Introduction

This is the 2nd in the series of [Street Japanese videos](#). In this one we look at the phrase “Sho ga nai” which is a very common phrase used by Japanese people everyday in conversation. It means something like “Oh well, can’t be helped” or “That’s life”. It’s an interesting phrase as it represents a common philosophical or perhaps fatalistic attitude to life. Check out the dialog below.

### Dialog

A: この間にごめんね！何かごちそうするから、ゆるして。

B: しょうがないなあ。

A: ありがとう！何がいい？

B: じゃあ、スタバのコーヒー

A: 了解！

A: kono aida wa gomen ne. nanika gochisō suru kara yurushite

B: shō ga nai naa

A: arigatō. nani ga ii

B: jaa sutaba no koohii

A: ryōkai

A: Sorry about the other day. I’ll treat you so please forgive me!

B: Oh well, it can’t be helped

A: Thanks. What do you want?

B: A Starbucks coffee

A: Got it!



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