

Class Guide

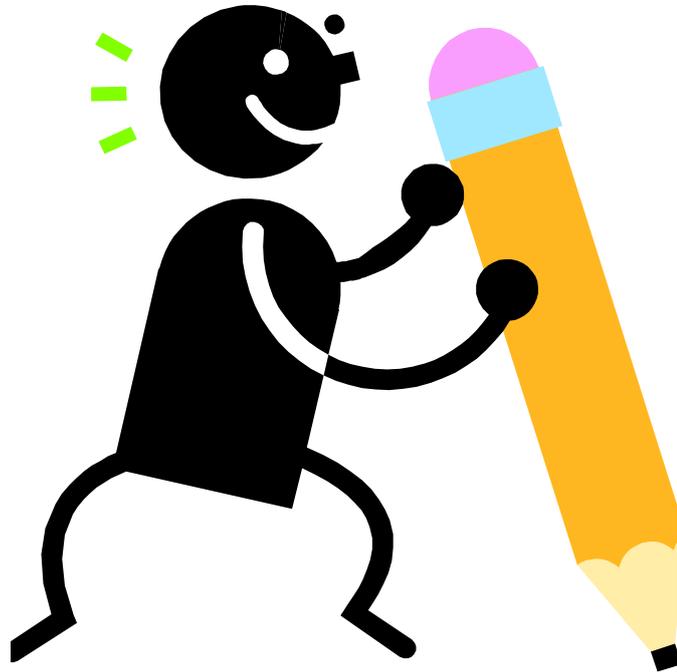
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Name: _____

Class day/time: _____

Textbook: _____

Room #: _____



Welcome to Fraser's Class!

These are the class rules to help our lessons go smoothly:

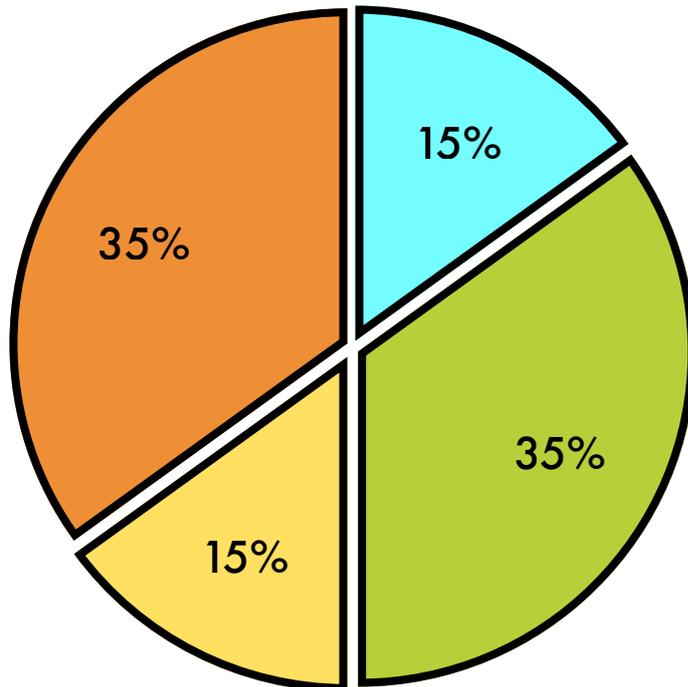
1. Come to class! You lose points every time you miss a lesson. You also lose points if you are late.
2. Please **put away your cell phones** before class starts.
3. If you want to speak Japanese in class, you must ask the teacher.
4. If you want to use an electronic dictionary in class, you must ask the teacher.
5. Students may not sleep, do other class' homework or put on makeup during our lesson together.
6. Have fun!

Homework Rules

1. Please do not copy other students' homework. If you copy other students' homework, you will receive a "0" for your final homework mark.
2. Please do not use translation software to write your homework assignments. If Fraser thinks you have used translation software to do an assignment, you will get a "0" score for the assignment.
3. If you miss a lesson, you must still do the homework for that lesson and hand it in the next time you come to class.
4. If you miss a lesson, any homework that was due that lesson must be handed in the next time you come to class.

This is how your final mark is calculated:

- Attendance
- Homework
- Class Participation
- Tests and Exam



Attendance (15%)

Absent = -2 points

Late = -1 point

If you have perfect attendance at the end of the school year, you will get 15% towards your final mark. At the end of the school year, you must have attended at least 70% of your class lessons in order to pass.

Homework (35%)

We will have homework almost every week. This homework counts for 35% of your final mark. It will be very difficult to pass the course if you don't do your homework.

Tests and Exams (35%)

This includes in class tests and the e-learning program (Power Words), which is calculated by the administration.

Class Participation Mark (15%)

Why is it important to speak in class?

One of the goals of this class is for you to become comfortable speaking English. To become comfortable speaking English, you must practice speaking.

To give students lots of speaking practice, we will do a lot of pair work and small group work in class. The first four minutes of every lesson are to talk about "What's New?" with your classmates.

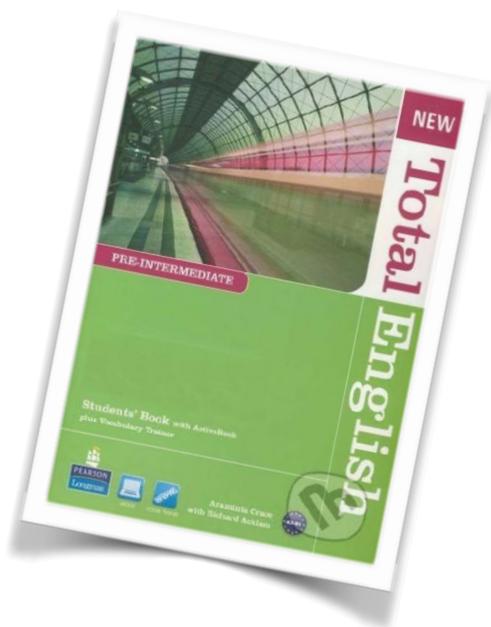
Sometimes in our lessons Fraser will ask questions to the class. Please try to answer Fraser's questions in class. Sometimes it is difficult for Japanese students to answer a question in front of many people, but it is an important part of a western style classroom.

Students who answer Fraser's questions and speak a lot in our lessons will get extra points. These extra points are your Class Participation Mark and are worth 15% of your final mark.

If you are shy and don't speak much in our lessons, it will be very difficult for you to get a high Class Participation Mark.

Textbook

Our regular textbook is called *Total English* (Pre-Intermediate), but we will not be using it every week. Lessons with the textbook will be mixed with lessons in which Fraser uses his own materials and materials from other sources. You should still bring your textbook every week.



Useful English for Our Classroom

*You may keep this paper on your desk for extra help during our lessons

What does _____ (that) _____ mean?

How do you say _____ (that) _____ in English?

How do you spell _____ (that) _____?

How do you pronounce _____ (this) _____?

May I speak Japanese?

May I use my dictionary?

I'm sorry, I don't understand.

I don't understand what to do.

Could you repeat that please?

Could you speak more slowly please?

Could you play that (CD) again please?

Fraser, you are the best teacher in the world!



Using Classroom English

What English would you use in these situations?

*Use expressions from the previous page

1) Someone is speaking too fast.

Could you speak more slowly, please?

2) You don't know the meaning of the word *stapler*.

3) The CD you were listening to was very difficult to understand. You want to listen to it again.

4) You don't know how to spell your teacher's name.

5) You want to explain something to your partner in Japanese.

6) You want your teacher to repeat what he just said.

7) Your teacher said "Please wabberjockey my middlefuddle".

8) You want to use your electronic dictionary to look up the meaning of a new word.

9) You don't know how to say 取りあえず in English.

Your Class Study Website

Your class study website is an important part of your English lessons. The address of the website is:

<http://www.frasersclasses.weebly.com>

The welcome page of your website looks like this:



[A message from Fraser](#)

[Need to contact me? Try here](#)

In the menu on the welcome page, you can find a link to your Class Page.

Check the Study Website every week!

Bookmark this website. You should check your class page every week for a lesson review and information about your class homework. If you have problems with the website, please tell Fraser about it!

All About Me:

My full name is Russell Fraser Gould, but I have always been called by my middle name, Fraser. I was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, and I grew up in the village of Tatamagouche. In high school I played many sports, but my favorite sport has always been basketball.

After I graduated from high school, I attended Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I studied English literature there and planned to eventually become an English literature teacher at a Canadian high school. But, like many university students, I changed my mind about my future and decided I didn't want to be a high school teacher. After graduating from university, I moved to Toronto and then Vancouver, working as a DJ. I spent a year traveling around Canada as a professional DJ - it was a lot of fun!

It was while I was working as a DJ in Canada that I decided to work for a Japanese company called GEOS. I came to Japan in January 1998 and worked as a teacher at a GEOS school in Sendai for four years. I also travelled around Tohoku and Hokkaido as a teacher trainer for two years. I had the chance to visit many places and meet many people at my job.

In March of 2004, I left my job at GEOS to face my next challenge; I moved to Tokyo and accepted a job as a part-time university lecturer. I currently teach part time at three universities in the Tokyo area: Seisen University, Komazawa University and Showa Women's University.

Teaching keeps me pretty busy, but I try to make time for my hobbies. Even though I'm getting older I still love sports. I currently play on a soccer team called the Saitama Jets, which plays in the Tokyo Metropolis League. In the winter I also enjoy snowboarding (when I have time).

I love to travel in Asia, and have been backpacking through Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, India, Taiwan, Malaysia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar and the Philippines. My travels also give me the opportunity to go scuba diving, another one of my hobbies. Someday, I hope to go to the Maldives to try scuba diving there.

All of my friends know what my favorite hobby is: I have been performing magic since I was a university student, and I occasionally perform at magic shows here in the Tokyo area. If you ever want to see a magic trick, just ask me!

See you in class!

Fraser

