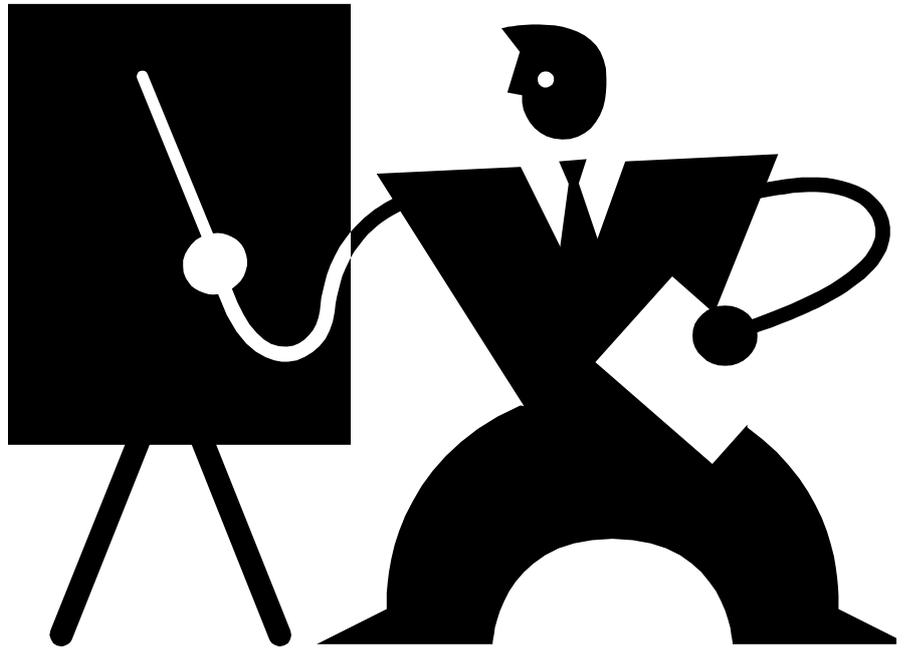


Thematic Workshop Class Guide

Name: _____

Class day/time: _____

Textbook: _____



Welcome to Fraser's Class!

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

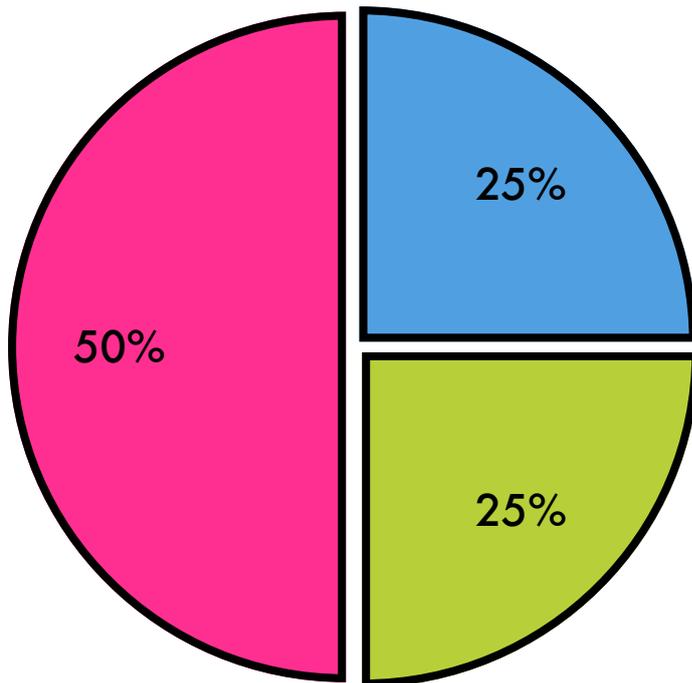
1. Come to class! You lose points every time you miss a lesson. You also lose points if you are late.
2. Please **put away your cell phones** before class starts.
3. If you want to speak Japanese in class, you must ask the teacher.
4. Students may not sleep, do other class' homework or put on makeup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

Homework Rules

1. All written homework must be typed. No handwritten work will be accepted!
2. Please do not copy other students' homework. If you copy other students' homework, you will receive a "0" for your final homework mark, and Kyomu (教務) may be notified.
3. 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.
4. If you miss a lesson for some reason, you must still do the homework for that lesson and hand it in the next time you come to class.

This is how your final mark is calculated:

● Attendance ● Homework ● Presentations



Attendance

Every time you come to class you get points for that lesson. If you come to class late (after attendance has been called), you will lose one point (1%) from your final mark. If you are more than 30 minutes late for class, you will be marked absent. If you have perfect attendance at the end of the school year, you will get 25% 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

We will have homework almost every week. This homework counts for 25% of your final mark. It will be very difficult to pass the course if you don't do your homework. Please read the homework rules on page 1 of this handout.

Presentations

Of course, these account for the main part of your final mark. We will do two presentations this semester, and they will be worth half of your final mark.

What we will learn in this class:

- Presentation structure
- Non-verbal communication
- Advanced introductions
- Using visual aids
- Evaluating presentations

Kinds of presentations

We are planning to do two presentations this semester.

The first presentation will be on a topic of your choice. You can choose one of these topics:

- My hometown
- My part time job
- My hobby
- Someone I admire

The second presentation will be a topic related to the material you are studying in one of these courses:

- Social Studies
- Global Studies
- Media Studies

Your English Class Study Website:

www.frasersclasses.weebly.com

The Study Website is an important part of our lessons together. It will give you information about our class schedule, homework and future tests. Check it every week!!

Useful English for Our Classroom

What does (that) mean?

How do you say (that) in English?

How do you spell (that) ?

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?

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 middlemuffle".

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:



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 for four years 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 for a company called Sights & Sounds Dance Productions. I spent a year traveling around Canada as a 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, but all of the travel was very tiring.

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

