

About the course:

This is an all-skills (reading, writing, listening, speaking) course with a focus on understanding and communication. Lessons will be based on the beautifully designed National Geographic textbook “World Class 2,” and will include plenty of partner and group work so that participants get as much talking and practice time as possible during each class.

At higher levels, English fluency depends more on understanding how English works than on simple memorization. This course will help participants build English fluency by enhancing understanding through listening and discussion. I hope to create a comfortable and friendly classroom environment where we can all explore and enjoy English together.

About the textbook:

World Class 2 is a beautiful and engaging textbook specifically designed for higher intermediate learners. Each chapter is broken into sections that target specific English skills. In each class we will discuss and work with the contents of one or two sections.

1. *Vocabulary and Grammar:* A large vocabulary and a good understanding of grammar are the building blocks to fluency. This section uses interesting topics to help us work on both skills.
2. *Listening and Connections:* This section will help us build conversation skills through listening and learning how to express our own ideas and opinions.
3. *Reading:* World Class 2 provides interesting and relevant reading passages adapted from National Geographic magazine. Reading is an important way to build vocabulary and improve fluency.
4. *Writing:* This section gives us the opportunity to improve writing skills and apply the vocabulary and grammar that we’ve been working on in class.
5. *Speaking:* This section provides the tools necessary to build speaking and presentation skills. It will help us learn how to talk about ideas and opinions in a logical way. (This is different from conversation work.)
6. *Video:* Somewhere between a real conversation and an audio-only recording, videos are a great tool for building fluency. Watching videos helps us build listening skills, but they also allow us to observe body language and facial expressions. All of these are important for good communication.
7. *Expanding Your Fluency:* This section provides an exercise (or exercises) with which we can practice and review all of the skills we’ve studied in the previous sections. It will help us put it all together.

Since this class will focus on building fluency through listening and discussion, some reading and/or writing sections may be omitted. Throughout the course we will discuss which sections seem most useful and decide together which sections to include and which to omit. I would like to tailor the course to your needs as much as possible.

About the instructor:

I am originally from Canada, but have lived in Japan for over 18 years, and am a permanent resident. During my long career as an English teacher, I have taught people from all walks of life, including researchers, company employees, Japanese English teachers, and children. I have also been a professional proofreader since 2007, providing support for researchers and scientists throughout Japan. My love of language and of learning makes me an enthusiastic and knowledgeable English instructor.

Class of 2019 : 中上級 木・Upper Intermediate Level 2 Thur. 18:30-20:00

Instructor: Ms. Melissa Noguchi

2019 April

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