

Class name: Intermediate Wed.

Instructor: Mr. Joseph Drakos

Welcome to the Intermediate course.

Hello, and welcome to the Tsukuba Center for Institutes. I'm Joe Drakos and I have been living and teaching in Japan for over 20 years. This is my 6th term with the center and I am currently teaching the intermediate course here and I would like to explain to interested students what they will learn in throughout the course.

First of all, determining "intermediate" level for students is somewhat difficult. Most can understand that "intermediate" means between beginning and advanced level but "intermediate" can have many meanings. After some consideration I have discovered that *intermediate is where students who have learned English at the beginner level start to use their skills freely while still learning new concepts for communication. It is also a time where students experience native English and try to understand how native speakers talk.*

The intermediate course consists of 4 different types of classes:

1. Communication concept training
2. Question development practice
3. Native English listening forums
4. Student centered free talk sessions

In a communication training class students are introduced to communication concepts. Students are shown various ways to use each concept and spend much of the period practicing them with classmates. In question & answer class students are given worksheets on various topics. The worksheet includes exercises that help students improve their question asking skill. In forum classes students watch topics about culture, news and world issues. They learn new words and phrases concerning the topic, try to understand as much as they can and then have a discussion based on the topic. Free speaking classes involve small group discussions that the students choose and talk about. Through these types of classes I feel students can improve their skills.

It is very important that students try to participate actively as much as they can. By doing so, the student will get the maximum benefit this class can provide.

I look forward to meeting you!

****受講者の声****

- ・受講したことで、「なぜ英語で話せないか」の理由がわかりました。英語でコミュニケーションをすることにはかなり役に立ったと思います。ありがとうございました。

(2019年度中級月・水クラス受講 T.N さん)

- ・Listening, Free Conversation, Grammar, Text conversation の4コースを2週間で回していく授業でしたので、自分の能力をまんべんなく伸ばすことができました。先生も明るくて、とても楽しかったです。(2019年度中級月・水クラス受講 M.S さん)

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