

Class name: 中級水 Intermediate Wed. (online /18:30-20:00)

Instructor: Mr. Joseph Drakos

Welcome to the Intermediate course

Hello, and welcome to this class. I'm Joe Drakos and I have been living and teaching in Japan for over 24 years. This is my 8th term with this English training class and I am currently teaching the intermediate course here and I would like to explain to interested participants what they will learn in throughout the course.

First of all, determining "intermediate" level for participants 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 participants 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 participants experience native English and try to understand how native speakers talk.

The intermediate course consists of 3 different types of classes:

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

In a communication training class participants are introduced to communication concepts. Participants are shown various ways to use each concept and spend much of the period practicing them with classmates. In question & answer class participants are given worksheets on various topics. The worksheet includes exercises that help participants improve their question asking skill.

In forum classes participants 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 participants choose and talk about. Through these types of classes I feel participants can improve their skills.

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

I look forward to meeting you!

**\*\*受講者の声\*\***

- ・オンラインでの受講は当初不安もありましたが、どこからでもアクセスすることができる利便性の方が上回り、欠席することなく参加できたことは、英語学習の習慣作りとしては大変良かったと思います。対面授業を受けたことがないので比較できませんが、すぐに受講環境にも慣れました。

(2021年度オンライン授業、中級水クラス受講 N.M さん)

- ・カリキュラムの中では、教材に動画が使われたのが印象的で、例えばオンサイトで教室に何人かが集まって1画面でビデオを視聴する、という方法よりも、むしろ Zoom を使って個々人のパソコンから視聴する方が、環境が良くて優れていると思った。

(2021年度オンライン授業、中級水クラス受講 M.K さん (一部抜粋))

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