

Class name: 中級火 Intermediate Tue. (online /18:45-20:00)

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 7th term with this English training class 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 3 *different types of classes*:

1. Communication concept training /Question development practice
2. Native English listening forums
3. Discussion 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 development 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. Reading discussion classes involve students reading an article sent previously by email and developing discussion questions about the topic. 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****

- ・ジョー先生のお話は全て本当に楽しく、表情や声のトーン、身振り等を感じながら生の英語聞くことができ、良い機会になりました。授業も4つのカテゴリーを週替わりで実施し、どれも実践を通して学ぶことができました。(2020年度 中級クラス(中期・対面授業)受講 S.K.さん)
- ・とてもフレンドリーな先生で、毎回楽しく授業を受けられました！日常で使うような単語やフレーズなど、勉強が必要な部分を見直すことができ、効果的に英語学習ができたと思います。(2020年度 中級クラス(秋短期・オンライン授業)受講 K.N.さん)

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