

Class name: 中級火 Intermediate Tue. (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 27 years. This is my 10th term conducting courses with the English training group and I am currently teaching the intermediate level course. I would like to explain to interested participants what they will learn in throughout this 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 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. Participants 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. Question development classes introduce participants to question words and the various ways to use them. Listening forum classes give participants the opportunity participants watch and listen to native English on 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 discussion topics that the participants choose and talk about.

It is very important that participants try to participate actively as much as they can. By doing so, the participants will get the maximum benefit this class can provide. I look forward to meeting you!

**\*\*受講者の声\*\***

- ・オンラインクラスでしたが、講師の話題提供後に少人数グループで意見交換する時間が多くとられていて受講者同士の交流を深めることができました。講師の人柄も相まって毎週火曜日が楽しみになるクラスでした。(2023年度オンライン授業、中級火クラス受講)
- ・初英会話、かつオンラインのコースでしたが、先生とだけでなく受講生どうしで話す機会が必ず設けられていたところが大変ありがたかったです。紙に書くことと、即座に口に出すことの違いを改めて知り、口に出して繰り返すことは今後もできるだけやっていこうと思います。先生のご指導に非常に感謝しております。(2023年度オンライン授業、中級火クラス受講 (一部抜粋))

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