Effective Assignments to Connect Knowledge and Real-life Experience

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Standards for Foreign Language Learning: Preparing for the 21st Century (ACTFL)
The Five C’s of Foreign Language Education

STUDENTS will:

1. Communication
   communicate face-to-face, in writing, or across centuries through the reading of literature.

2. Cultures
   cannot truly master the language until they have also mastered the cultural contexts.

3. Connections
   connect to additional bodies of knowledge that may be unavailable to the monolingual English speaker.

4. Comparisons
   realize that there are multiple ways of viewing the world.

5. Communities
   participate in multilingual communities at home and around the world.

Sources: American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages
Assignment 1

Instructions: Write a paragraph that states a thing(s) you are good at and/or like to do by using the "koto"/"no" form and describe the activity. Your short essay must consist of at least 4 sentences. It could be typed in Roma-ji. However, please try to type in Hiragana (and Katakana) if you have access to and know how to use a Japanese software. Also, respond to at least one of your classmates' comments in Japanese by posting questions and/or reaction. See the instructor's initial post as an example.

👩‍🏫 Post your initial comment by 3月16日（月よう日）
👩‍🏫 Post your response to your classmates by 3月18日（水よう日）
Blog Assignments
Assignment 2

Write a short paragraph that introduce your family in Japanese using the vocabulary and grammar that you learned this week. Describe what you and/or your family members “can” do. Make sure that you use the “verb-plain form + ‘kotoga dekiru’” or the “–eru/rareru” form.
Blog Assignments
Virtual Communication Assignments

Pen Pal Assignments

- [http://www.interpals.net/language/JA](http://www.interpals.net/language/JA)
tmkkr 18
Tokyo, Japan

I'm Tamaki, a university student. living in Tokyo~

I wanna talk everyone, please send me a message~

Is learning...

English

Yunioshi 24
Tokyo, Japan

Hi, I came from Tokyo, Japan. I'm learning English by myself now, and I don't know what I should write about me other than that. Let's be friends anyway :)

P.S. Sorry, I don't have Facebook and Skype. Instead of that, you can add me on LINE if you have it. It's easy to talk since I don't is learning...

English
Members Search - Find a Language Exchange Partner

Find a language exchange partner who has:

Note: You don't have to fill all fields.

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Find a partner at the online community more.
Live Virtual Communication

- Twitch
- Stream Community
- Metal Forum
YouTube Language Seminars

- "Weekly Japanese Words with Risa"
Weekly Japanese Words with Risa - Academics

Learn Japanese with JapanesePod101.com

I attend a lecture about something I'm interested in.
Connecting Language Learning and Other Disciplines

✦ Multidisciplinary Courses

  e.g. Sociology: “Modern East Asian Societies”
Thank you!

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