

Advanced Newspaper English

Course Description	Advanced Newspaper English is a class that supports students to read English newspaper articles, helping improve comprehension, vocabulary and grammar for use in discussion.						
Course Content / Learning Outcomes	<p>This is an active-learning English course designed to help students build all four language skills, but with the primary focus on reading newspaper articles.</p> <p>Through reading news texts, students will learn to read, comprehend and summarize passages about local/world events, aiming to improve comprehension, vocabulary, reading and grammar skills, for use in EIKEN or TOEIC tests.</p> <p>News articles will be selected for their variety from the following topics: Business English, Environment, Education, Health, Lifestyle, People, Sports, Technology, and Local/World News.</p> <p>A supplementary text of timed readings will be used to help develop reading fluency, with the ultimate goal of improving students' reading comprehension and speed.</p> <p>Ideally, the class will be a safe, happy and supportive environment, where students feel comfortable to share their thoughts and opinions, without fear of making mistakes.</p>						
Grading Criteria	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Class-work assessment</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Midterm exam</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Final exam</td> <td>40%</td> </tr> </table>	Class-work assessment	20%	Midterm exam	40%	Final exam	40%
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Required Course Materials	<p>No Textbook required.</p> <p>An A4 file is required to hold resources provided by the teacher, taken from the Japan Times, New York Times and Breaking News English website.</p>						