

English Communication II

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RULES FOR DISCUSSION

1. When you first get into your group/pair, be sure that you know the name(s) of your partner(s). If you don't, introduce yourself: say "Hi. My name is"
1. Make eye contact while speaking. This shows that you are interested in what the other person is saying.
2. Use gestures. Gestures are effective discussion aids.
3. Use the phrases in the boxes below to ask for opinions, to agree and disagree, to ask for clarification, and to make a point. Remember when you agree or disagree with another person, you must explain the reason why you agree or disagree.
4. Use an **"answer plus strategy"**. Don't just answer a question. **Answer and add some relevant or interesting information**, or **answer and ask a question yourself**.
5. Do **not wait to speak in turn** - listen to your group members but interrupt politely when you have something relevant to say.
6. **Include all members of the group in the discussion**. Include silent or less talkative members by asking questions such as, "What do you think.....?" or "Have you ever had an experience like that.....?"
7. Finally, **do not be afraid to make mistakes**. Your participation grade will be based on the fluency not the accuracy of your English. Just keep talking and do your best to express yourself.

Remember! Your participation in discussions will affect your grade.

ASKING FOR OPINIONS	AGREEING	DISAGREEING
What do you think?	I agree.	I disagree.
What's your opinion?	I agree with you.	I completely disagree.
What's your idea?	I have the same opinion.	I am sorry, but I think...
What do you have to say?	I feel the same way.	I have another idea.
How do you feel about it?	I think the same way.	I feel differently.
Could you tell me...?	You're right.	I don't think so.
I'd like to ask...	That's true.	I can't agree.
I'd like to know...	Me, too...	I agree to a certain extent, but...
I'm interested in...	Likewise...	

INTERRUPTING	CLARIFICATION	GIVING REASONS/YOUR OPINION
<p>Excuse me for interrupting, but...</p> <p>May I say something?</p> <p>Pardon me...</p> <p>Sorry, but...</p> <p>Wait a minute!</p> <p>I might add here...</p> <p>I'd like to say something.</p> <p>Can I say something?</p>	<p>Would you mind repeating that?</p> <p>I didn't catch the last part.</p> <p>Sorry, I don't follow you.</p> <p>What was that?</p> <p>I didn't get that.</p> <p>I didn't understand that.</p> <p>Could you explain that again?</p>	<p>One reason is...</p> <p>Another reason is...</p> <p>I think...</p> <p>I believe...</p> <p>My opinion is that...</p> <p>Furthermore...</p> <p>Moreover...</p> <p>And another thing...</p>

Talking About Music

Online Comprehension Questions Parts A and B

Watch the online video and answer the following questions. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

- 1.How often does Michael listen to music?
- 2.What kind of music does he listen to?
- 3.Why does he like it?
- 4.Which sport does Michael compare to playing jazz?
- 5.Why does Wayne experience a sense of excitement?
- 6.Who are two of Michael's favorite jazz performers?
- 7.Which instrument does he like the sound of?
- 8.According to Michael, jazz has a small _____ of _____.
- 9.According to Wayne, what kind of music do students like?
- 10.Why does Michael think that jazz will not disappear?

Talking About Music

Online Comprehension Questions Parts C and D

Watch the online video and answer the following questions. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

11. Other than jazz, what kind of music does Michael like?

12. Whose music does Wayne play for Michael?

13. What did Michael volunteer to do?

14. Which song did he sing?

15. What did one of the band members say to Michael?

16. Why is music so important to Michael?

17. According to Wayne, music _____ us.

18. Who has Michael been listening to lately?

19. Which instrument would Michael like to play?

20. Which CD is Wayne going to buy?

Talking about Money/Jobs

Online Comprehension Questions Parts: A and B

Watch the online video and answer the following questions. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

1. What was one of Del's part-time jobs when he was young? What did he do there?
2. What did he do with the money he made?
3. What is Del's advice to students who work part-time?
4. Does he like his current job? Why?
5. Describe Del's budget.
6. How is a busboy different from a waiter?
7. What percent of the waitresses' tips did the busboys get?
8. Was it a busy restaurant? Was that good or bad? Why?
9. What did Del learn from his part-time jobs?
10. How did Del feel about not being dependent on his parents for money?

Talking about Money/Jobs

Online Comprehension Questions Parts: C and D

Watch the online video and answer the following questions. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

11. When did Del start working part-time?

12. What do a lot of his family members do? What did they tell him?

13. What did Del study while he was in college? What is his Master's degree in?

14. When does Del do his yearly budget? What are some things he tries to do?

15. How does Del spend a lot of his money?

16. What does Del think about shopping on the Internet?

17. Has Del ever been to a ¥100 shop?

18. What was the most expensive thing Del has bought?

19. What's Del's philosophy on money?

20. What advice does he have for our students once they start working full-time?

Talking about Sports

Online Comprehension Questions Parts: A and B

Watch the online video and answer the following questions. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

1. Describe each sport Christa played as a student.
2. Is netball played in Japan? If so, is it a popular sport?
3. What sports did Don play when he was younger?
4. According to Don, what are some reasons football is probably the universal sport?
5. Does Don still do sports? Which ones?
6. What sport would Christa like to try? Why?
7. In what sport was Christa the captain?
8. According to Christa, which sport is not seen in Japan?
9. Don says there are perhaps a few teams who play cricket. Why is it not popular in Japan?
10. Did Don ever play football in Japan?

Talking about Sports

Online Comprehension Questions Parts: C and D

Watch the online video and answer the following questions. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

11. When did Don retire from playing football?
12. Which position did he play?
13. Does Don play sport now? What?
14. Where does Don go running? How far does he usually run?
15. Does Don run the entire time?
16. Does Christa still run? Where?
17. Why doesn't she run outdoors?
18. What about Don? Is there something he would like to do in the future?
19. Why is it nice to have an ambition or target?
20. What about Christa? Would she like to run another marathon?

Talking about Future / Past

Online Comprehension Questions Parts A and B

Watch the online video and answer the following questions. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

1. Where is Nina from? What's great about that place?
2. What does Nina remember about her early years in Japan?
3. What happened in Kobe?
4. What surprised Nina about the Hanshin Kobe Earthquake?
5. Were the dogs able to help find people trapped in the buildings after the earthquake?
6. What word does Nina use to describe Japanese people?
7. What suggestions does Nina make for Japan's future?
8. How long has Nina been in Japan?
9. Which years were the most memorable for Nina?
10. What word does Nina use to describe the sarin attack

Talking about Future / Past

Online Comprehension Questions Parts C and D

Watch the online video and answer the following questions. You do not need to write in complete sentences.

11. Before the sarin attack, what did Nina think about Japan?
12. What does Nina say about the economy of Japan?
13. What are freeters?
14. Where do some salaried men who have part-time jobs sleep at night? Why?
15. Why does Nina think Japan should open its borders?
16. Nina says that “young people can approach employment in a different way.” What does she mean by this?
17. What could young people learn from leaving Japan for a while to do volunteer work?
18. Does Nina feel hopeful or hopeless for the future in Japan? Why?
19. Nina says that “women need to be given a much bigger place in the workforce.” What does she mean by this?
20. In the future, why would parents in most households have to work?

Form Focused Dictation

Form-focused Dictation 1 (In Class)

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Form-focused Dictation 2 (In Class)

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Form-focused Dictation 3 (In Class)

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Form-focused Dictation 4 (In Class)

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Form-focused Dictation 5 (In Class)

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Form-focused Dictation 6 (In Class)

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Form-focused Dictation 7 (In Class)

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Form-focused Dictation 8 (In Class)

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Form-focused Dictation 9 (In Class)

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Form-focused Dictation 10 (In Class)

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Discussion Dictation Music (Homework)

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Before you come to class, write some interesting discussion questions of your own to discuss with your classmates.

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2. _____
3. _____
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Discussion Dictation Money / Jobs(Homework)

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4. _____
5. _____

Before you come to class, write some interesting discussion questions of your own to discuss with your classmates.

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Discussion Dictation Sports (Homework)

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Before you come to class, write some interesting discussion questions of your own to discuss with your classmates.

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Discussion Dictation Future / Past (Homework)

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Before you come to class, write some interesting discussion questions of your own to discuss with your classmates.

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