

English Discussion Club

Monday, October 17th, 2022

What We Do Today

1. Short Introduction of the Club
2. Quick Self-Introduction
3. Group Conversation
4. Let's Sum Up😊



What is “English Discussion Club”?

- Our goal is to **practice speaking in English** as much as possible with those who want to improve their language skills.
- We welcome Japanese and international students with different levels of English or experiences abroad.
- The club takes place **weekly**, during **lunchtime**.
- We'll cover a wide range of topics, starting from a few ice-breaking sessions and gradually moving on to "serious" themes such as the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic or various social issues worldwide.
- You can **join at any time and leave at any time** during the session.

Here Are Some Rules!

1. Please feel free to **ask questions, raise your hand, or send "Chat" messages** during the session. Please make full use of the "Chat" function to share some tips or comments with us.
2. As a rule, we'll speak **only in English**, but if there's a specific word in your mother tongue that you cannot translate into English, you could just say the original term and ask others for help.
3. In group activities, please **make sure that everybody gets a chance to speak**. And let's give each other a lot of **positive and constructive feedback**.

You can use this as a “template” for your self-introduction !

Some Facts about the Leader (me)

Name: I'm Fumi Sugimura (杉村 文). Please call me “Fumi.”

Where I'm From: I was born and raised in Kyoto.

Affiliation : I'm a first-year master's student at the Department of Contemporary History, Graduate School of Letters.

What I'm studying : I major in French contemporary history and my field of study is memory studies.

Language skills : My mother tongue is Japanese and the first foreign language I learned was French. I speak (relatively) fluent French and English, and I can read German and Italian.

Dream : My biggest dream is to study abroad and come back to Kyodai as a researcher.

Hobbies: My hobbies are watching classic movies, travelling, jogging, and cooking. In my free time, I also enjoy listening to rock music on Spotify.

Others : I'm so happy to meet you all~

Please Introduce Yourself😊

- What do you want us to call you?
- Where are you from?
- What do you study at university?
- What languages have you learned so far ?
- What are your hobbies?

Please share freely any additional information about you～

Today's Group Activity : Let's Talk about your Dream(s) for your Future after the Covid-19 Pandemic

Please discuss the topic freely in your group. If you don't feel like going into details about your life or dreams, you could also make up stories(just for conversation's sake!)

Here are some examples of questions :

What are your dreams for your future?

Why are those dreams special to you?

Are there any things/activities you would like to try from next year on?

Where do you want to go in the future (Japan/overseas)? Why?

What are the things you want to do when Covid-19 ends?

**How Was the Group
Activity?**

Thank you for coming !

If you have time, please **send me a short comment** via chat or e-mail so I can improve the club's organization for the next session.

The 2nd session of the English Discussion Club will be held on
Monday, October 23rd.

I'm looking forward to seeing you again 😊