



17th Labor Gakuen Newsletter

Summer 2015



It's summer time again. As I'm sure you know we will be holding this year's Beer Garden Party on July 19th at the Shin-Miyako Hotel. It'll be great to see you there if you can make it, **come rain or shine!** And, of course, we hope you have a relaxing summer (and study a little!!) before lessons continue in September.

In this newsletter we would like to introduce you to our short courses being held in October and some new classes starting next term.

Nicky – Discuss the News in English

Lots of people enjoy talking about the news, and many exciting and interesting things are going on around the world today! In this class, we will read some interesting articles about current events, practice giving our opinions, supporting our opinions, listening, and agreeing and disagreeing politely. If you have ever enjoyed talking about current events with your friends, this class is for you!

TIME, DATE & LEVEL: 10:00-12:00, Oct 7, 14 (Wed). Pre-Intermediate - Upper



Mark – Technology in English

Do you use Facebook? or Twitter? Have you friended or unfriended anyone? Do you like to take selfies, write posts or follow people? If you don't know what these words mean but would like to find out, then this course is for you! So much new English is connected with technology that is getting harder and harder to understand all the new words and **WORSE**, some words are so new they are not even in your dictionary! But don't worry, in this class you will learn lots of new, exciting, and very useful English and you will get to understand technology better too!

TIME, DATE & LEVEL: 13:30-15:30, Oct 8, 15 (Thu). Pre-intermediate - Intermediate



Kris - Trouble Free Travel

Are you travelling abroad soon? Or do you just want to brush up on your conversational skills? If so, this is the course for you! In this course you will role-play many common 'travel situations'. E.g. Checking in at the airport or at a hotel, shopping, meeting other tourists etc. The course you will give you the chance to practice 2 main skills:

- #1. Listening to and understanding questions.
- #2. Answering questions quickly.

TIME, DATE & LEVEL: 10:00-12:00, Oct 9, 16 (Fri). (High) Elementary – Intermediate



Yuko – 5W1H – who, what, when, where, why and how

Do you have trouble making questions? Is it hard to answer "Why...?" questions? "How often...?", "How much...?", "How do...?" – How do you choose? Come to this short course and get some great practice with '5W1H'. What are you waiting for? Why think? Join!!

TIME, DATE & LEVEL: 10:00-12:00, Oct 10, 17 (Sat). Intro – (low) Elementary

Quick Tip: Every few months go back to the beginning of the textbook and read through it all again. What have you forgotten? What can you remember?

Justin's Talking about Japanese culture. There will be an 18-week class on Thursday mornings and a 9-week version on Friday evenings. We will look at many Top Three things in Japan; top 3 mountains, top 3 castles etc. I hope you will be able to talk with confidence to foreigners about many things that make Japan such a great country.

TIME & LEVEL: 1. Thursday Morning: Elementary - Pre-Intermediate - 18 weeks

2. Friday Evening: Pre Intermediate-Intermediate – 9 weeks

The Book Club. Back by popular demand. In this class we will read 2 graded readers over 9 lessons. One is a classic Japanese story, the other an English one. As well as practicing reading aloud skills and gaining vocabulary we will look at Japanese and British culture related to the books. If you are free on Tuesday afternoons, why not **give it a go?**

TIME & LEVEL: Tuesday Afternoon: Pre-Intermediate – Intermediate – 9 weeks

What else do we have on offer?

Graham's popular pottery class continues with Part 2 (new students or continuing students OK). He also teaches two helpful Business English courses. Jane's **topical** International Media classes look at some interesting news from the week and Yuko's useful Junior High School English classes **round out** the extra courses you can take next term. Try one out! Or try two! A regular course plus a special course is a great way to improve your English more quickly... (or how about a computer course to help you use the textbook's DVD or online content?)

Quick Tip: When you learn a new word in class, write it in a new sentence at home to help you remember it – don't leave it in your note book and forget it...

And finally, a quick hello from the newest member of our team, Nicky.

Hi there everyone. I'm Nicky and I'm from the U.S.A. I'm from the Big Apple, New York City! It's the home of the New York Knicks, the New York Yankees, many amazing restaurants like Momofuku or Tavern on the Green, and celebrities like Lady Gaga, Yoko Ono, Tyra Banks, Beyoncé, and many more! In my free time, I like traveling, eating out, spending time with my friends, reading, and doing sports like weight lifting and yoga. I hope to see you around the school!

Have a great summer and enjoy studying English again next term!!

Did you know these phrases? Come rain or shine – no matter what, in any weather / Give it a go – try something new / Topical – in the news now / to round out – to complete