

Task Name: New York University Welcome Event Correction Task

Required Materials: Prepared profile cards with incorrect Japanese sentences, blank paper or notebooks for writing, pens

Language Skills Practiced: Speaking, Listening, Writing

Time Required: 20-25 minutes

Background & Problem: You are attending a welcome event for new students at a university in New York. Each student has been given a profile card with a simple Japanese sentence describing them, but part of the information is incorrect—for example, it might state your nationality or role wrongly. Your task is to interact with other students, introduce yourself, and correct the misinformation using the pattern “Noun じゃないです” to clarify what you are not. This simulates real-life situations where you might need to correct assumptions in social or academic settings.

Necessary Vocabulary:

- From Genki Ch.1-Ch.2: にほんじん (Japanese person), がくせい (student), せんせい (teacher), ともだち (friend), いもうと (younger sister), おとうと (younger brother), おかあさん (mother), おとうさん (father), かぞく (family), ほん (book), じしょ (dictionary), かばん (bag), でんわ (telephone), きょうしつ (classroom)

Instruction Steps:

1. Each student receives a profile card with a sentence like “わたしはにほんじんです。” that contains an error based on their actual identity (e.g., if you are not Japanese).
2. In pairs, students practice introducing themselves by stating the incorrect sentence and then correcting it using “じゃないです”—for example, “メアリーさんはにほんじんです。でも、メアリーさんはにほんじんじゃないです。”
3. Students mingle around the room and introduce themselves to at least three other students, repeating the correction pattern in each interaction.
4. After mingling, students write down two examples of corrections they heard from others on a piece of paper, using the pattern “Noun じゃないです”.