

Task Name: NYC Weekend Plan Coordinator

Materials Needed: Whiteboard/markers, printed NYC location flashcards (optional), Genki textbook Ch.1–Ch.3 vocabulary list

Language Skills Practiced: Speaking, writing, listening (particle usage: で, に, を)

Time Required: 30 minutes

Task Background:

You and your classmates are planning a weekend activity in New York City. However, everyone has different errands and interests, so you need to coordinate schedules and locations. Your goal is to create a shared plan using only Japanese, ensuring you correctly use particles to indicate where actions take place (で) and destinations (に).

Key Vocabulary from Genki Ch.1–Ch.3:

- Places: としょかん (library)、がっこう (school)、こうえん (park)、スーパー (supermarket)、レストラン (restaurant)、びじゅつかん (museum)
- Verbs: いきます (go)、かいます (buy)、のみます (drink)、たべます (eat)、よみます (read)、べんきょうします (study)
- People: ともだち (friend)、せんせい (teacher)
- Time: あした (tomorrow)、どようび (Saturday)

Task Steps:

1. Introduction (5 minutes):

- The instructor writes example sentences on the board:
- わたしはとしょかんでざっしをよみます。(I read magazines at the library.)
- ともだちはこうえんにいきます。(My friend goes to the park.)
- Students review vocabulary and particle usage (で for action locations, に for destinations).

2. Pair Work: Plan Drafting (10 minutes):

- In pairs, students discuss and write 3–4 sentences about their plans for Saturday in NYC.
- Each sentence must include:
 - A location in NYC (e.g., セントラルパークで、MOMAに).
 - An action from the vocabulary list.
 - Correct particles (で, に, を).
- Example student sentence:
 - あした、セントラルパークでともだちをあいます。(Tomorrow, I will meet a friend in Central Park.)

3. Group Coordination (10 minutes):

- Pairs join another pair to form a group of four.
- Students share their sentences and combine plans into a group schedule.
- Each group writes 5–6 sentences on a poster or shared document, ensuring no particle errors.

4. Presentation (5 minutes):

- One representative from each group reads their group's plan aloud to the class.
- Class listens and confirms correct particle usage.