

**Task Name:** Plan a Day in New York (Verb Conjugation Focus)

**Target Level:** Beginner (Genki Chapters 1-3)

**Materials Needed:** Genki textbook (Ch.1-3 vocabulary list), paper, pen, (optional) map/pictures of New York locations.

**Language Skills Practiced:** Verb conjugation (ます-form), sentence formation, basic conversation.

**Estimated Time:** 25-35 minutes

### Task Background:

You are a student at a college in New York. Your Japanese language class partner is visiting New York for the first time this weekend. They have asked you to help plan a one-day itinerary for them. You need to write a simple plan using basic verbs and then explain it to your partner in class. The challenge is to use only the verbs and vocabulary you have learned so far (Genki Chapters 1-3) to describe activities, meals, and movement around the city.

### Key Vocabulary from Genki Ch.1-3 for the Task:

*Nouns (Places/Things):*

ニューヨーク、大学、コーヒー、レストラン、えいが、としょかん、パン、てがみ、メール、ともだち、まち、かいしゃ、がっこう、しんぶん、ざっし

*Nouns (Time):*

あさ、ひる、ばん、にちようび

*Verbs (Dictionary Form → ます-form):*

行く → 行きます、見る → 見ます、食べる → 食べます、飲む → 飲みます、ねる → ねます、おきる → おきます、たべる → たべます、よむ → よみます、かく → かきます、きく → ききます

*Other:*

いっしょに、それから、ちょっと、とても、まいあさ、まいばん

### Task Steps:

#### 1. Individual Writing (10 mins):

Write a simple schedule for one day (Sunday - にちようび) for your partner. Use the time words あさ、ひる、ばん. Write 4-6 sentences using the ます-form of verbs.

*Example Sentence Starters:*

- あさ9時に、ニューヨークのとしょかんに行きます。
- ひるはレストランでサンドイッチを食べます。
- ばんはともだちとえいがを見ます。

#### 2. Pair Work & Conjugation Check (7-10 mins):

Exchange your plan with a partner. Check each other's sentences. Underline all the verbs. Confirm they are correctly changed to the ます-form. Ask one question about their plan using a verb from the list. (e.g., なんじにねますか。What time do you go to sleep?).

**3. Role-Play Presentation (8-12 mins):**

With your partner, role-play a short conversation. One person is the visitor, the other is the planner. Use your written plans to have a dialogue.

*Starter Phrases for Conversation:*

Visitor: にちようび、なにをしますか。(What will you do on Sunday?)

Planner: [Read your first plan sentence].

Visitor: そうですね。それから？(I see. And then?)

Planner: [Continue explaining your plan].

Try to use いっしょに (together) or それから (and then) in your explanation.

**4. Optional Extension (If Time Permits):**

Write one sentence about what you **do not** do, using the verb's negative ます-form (～ません).

*Example:* わたしはまいあさコーヒーを飲みません。(I do not drink coffee every morning.)