

Task Name: New York Weekend Invitations Task

Necessary Materials: Genki textbook (Chapters 1-3), vocabulary list from Ch.1-3 (provided below), role-play scenario cards (with New York locations), timer or clock

Language Skills Practiced: Speaking (invitations and responses), listening comprehension, vocabulary use in context

Time Required: 40 minutes

Background and Problem: You are a first-year student at a university in New York City, new to the area and looking to make friends. This weekend, you want to invite classmates to join you for various activities to explore the city. However, you must communicate politely in Japanese using “〜ませんか” and ensure your invitations are clear, using only vocabulary from Genki Chapters 1-3. The challenge is to successfully invite at least three peers for different activities, such as visiting a park or having coffee, while practicing basic conversational skills.

Necessary Vocabulary (from Genki Ch.1-Ch.3):

- Coffee: コーヒー
- Tea: おちゃ
- Movie: えいが
- Park: こうえん
- Restaurant: レストラン
- Museum: びじゅつかん
- Library: としょかん
- To drink: 飲みます (のみます)
- To eat: 食べます (たべます)
- To go: 行きます (いきます)
- To see/watch: 見ます (みます)
- Time expressions: あした (tomorrow), こんしゅうのどようび (this Saturday), にちようび (Sunday)
- Other: ともだち (friend), いっしょに (together), いいですね (that sounds good)
- Invitation pattern: [Activity] を [Verb] ませんか。 (e.g., コーヒーを飲みませんか。)

Task Steps:

1. **Vocabulary and Grammar Review (10 minutes):** In small groups, use the Genki textbook to review the vocabulary list and practice forming invitations with “〜ませんか.” Example: こうえんに行きませんか。 (Shall we go to the park?). Focus on New York-related contexts, such as inviting someone to Central Park or a local café.
2. **Role-Play Practice (15 minutes):** Pair up with a classmate. Each pair receives a scenario card describing a New York activity (e.g., “Invite a friend to see a movie in Times Square” or “Suggest going to a museum in Manhattan”). Take turns making and responding to invitations using the target grammar and vocabulary. Rotate pairs after 5 minutes to practice with different partners.
3. **Group Invitation Challenge (10 minutes):** In a circle, each student must invite at least three others to different weekend activities in New York, using “〜ませんか.” Peers respond with acceptance or polite refusal (e.g., はい、いいですね。 or すみません、ちょっと...). Aim to use varied verbs and nouns from the vocabulary list.
4. **Reflection and Schedule Creation (5 minutes):** Individually, write down two successful invitations you made or heard during the task, using full sentences like コーヒーを飲みませんか。 Then,

share one with the class to confirm understanding and pronunciation.