

Task Name: NYC Weekend Recap & Plan

Target Level: Beginner (Genki Ch.1-4)

Materials Needed: Whiteboard/notebook, Genki textbook vocabulary lists (Ch.1-4), map of NYC (optional)

Language Skills Practiced: Speaking (question-answer), listening, writing (note-taking)

Grammar Focus: Past tense of verbs (～ました、～でした), time expressions (e.g., 月曜日、週末)

Estimated Time: 30-40 minutes

Vocabulary from Genki Ch.1-4 (Use only these):

- Verbs: 行きます、食べます、飲みます、見ます、きます、かいます、します、べんきょうします、やすみます
- Past tense forms: 行きました、食べました、飲みました、見ました、きました、かいました、しました、べんきょうしました、やすみました
- Nouns: レストラン、カフェ、スーパー、としょかん、えいが、こうえん、がっこう、うち、しごと、ともだち、せんせい、にほんご、えいご、バス、でんしゃ、ニューヨーク、マンハッタン、セントラルパーク、ブロードウェイ
- Time:きのう、きょう、あした、あさ、ばん、まいあさ、まいばん、～じ、～がつ、～にち、～ようび、しごと、しゅうまつ

Task Background (English):

You are a student living in New York City. Over the weekend, you explored different parts of the city or completed daily tasks. Now, it's Monday, and you're meeting with classmates to share what you did. Your goal is to find common activities among your group and plan a future outing together based on everyone's interests. The challenge is to ask and answer questions about the past weekend using only past tense verbs and vocabulary from Genki Ch.1-4, while incorporating NYC-specific locations (e.g., Central Park, Broadway, a café in Manhattan).

Task Steps:

1. Individual Preparation (5 minutes):

- Write down 3-5 sentences about your weekend in New York using past tense verbs. For example:
きのう、セントラルパークへ行きました。
ともだちとコーヒーを飲みました。
ブロードウェイでえいがを見ました。
- Use only vocabulary from Genki Ch.1-4.

2. Pair Work: Question-Answer Practice (10 minutes):

- Partner with a classmate. Ask each other questions about the weekend using past tense.
- Example questions:
しゅうまつ、どこへ行きましたか。
なにを食べましたか。
だれとえいがを見ましたか。

- Take notes on your partner's answers in English or simple Japanese.

3. Group Discussion (10 minutes):

- Form groups of 4-5 students. Share your partner's weekend activities with the group.
- Identify common activities or places visited (e.g., "Three people went to a café in Manhattan").
- As a group, decide on one activity to do together next weekend in NYC, using future tense ideas (e.g., 来週、いっしょにセントラルパークへ行きます).

4. Group Presentation (5-10 minutes):

- Each group presents their findings (common weekend activities) and their plan for next weekend.
- Use past tense to report findings (e.g., メアリーさんはきのうマンハッタンへ行きました) and future tense for plans.
- Write key sentences on the board or share them verbally.