

**Task Name:** Planning a Weekend in New York with Friends Using “と”

**Materials Needed:** Genki textbook Chapters 1-4, notebook, pen, whiteboard or digital screen for vocabulary display

**Language Skills Practiced:** Speaking, listening, writing, and grammar (using “と” to connect nouns)

**Time Required:** Approximately 30 minutes

**Background and Problem:** You are a student studying at a university or college in New York City. With the weekend approaching, you want to make plans with friends to explore the city or enjoy common interests. However, you need to discuss preferences and coordinate activities effectively. In this task, you will practice using the conjunction “と” (meaning “and” for nouns) to list and combine activities, helping you communicate clearly in Japanese about shared plans. The challenge is to negotiate a weekend schedule while using only vocabulary from Genki Chapters 1-4, focusing on real-life situations like visiting parks, watching movies, or studying together in New York.

**Vocabulary (from Genki Ch.1-Ch.4 only – presented in Japanese with English meanings for context):**

- ともだち (friend)
- えいが (movie)
- おんがく (music)
- こうえん (park – e.g., Central Park in New York)
- べんきょう (study)
- ほん (book)
- たべもの (food)
- コーヒー (coffee)
- にほんご (Japanese language)
- えいご (English language)
- いっしょに (together)
- すき (like)
- します (do)
- いきます (go)
- みます (watch/see)

### Steps:

1. **Individual Brainstorming:** On your own, list three activities you enjoy in New York (e.g., visiting parks, watching movies). Write sentences using “と” to connect two activities you like. Example: わたしはこうえんとえいががすきです。(I like parks and movies.)
2. **Paired Conversation:** Pair up with a classmate. Discuss your lists by asking and answering questions using “と”. For example, ask: あなたはおんがくとべんきょうがすきですか？(Do you like music and studying?) Share your preferences and find common interests.
3. **Create a Shared Plan:** Based on your conversation, collaborate to write a simple weekend plan for you and your friend. Use “と” to combine at least two activities you will do together in New York. Example: 土曜日に、こうえんとコーヒーをします。(On Saturday, we will go to the park and have coffee.)
4. **Group Presentation:** Briefly present your weekend plan to the class. Say one sentence using “と” to describe your activities. Example: いっしょにえいがとたべものをします。(We will watch movies and eat food together.)