

Task Name: Adjective-Based New York Tour Guide

Required Materials: Genki textbook Ch.1-5 vocabulary list; images or short descriptions of New York locations (e.g., Central Park, Times Square, a pizza shop); worksheet for writing sentences.

Language Skills Practiced: Using adjectives in present tense, descriptive speaking/writing, vocabulary application from Genki Ch.1-5.

Time Needed: 30-40 minutes

Background and Problem: You are a student volunteer helping at a New York cultural event for Japanese visitors. A visitor asks you to recommend interesting places in New York, but you must communicate in simple Japanese using only vocabulary from Genki Chapters 1-5. Your task is to describe three New York-related scenes or items using adjectives to make them appealing.

Necessary Vocabulary:

- Adjectives: 高い (tall/expensive), おいしい (delicious), 大きい (big), 小さい (small), 新しい (new), 古い (old), あつい (hot), さむい (cold), いそがしい (busy), しずか (quiet), にぎやか (lively), きれい (pretty/clean), ゆうめい (famous)

- Nouns: こうえん (park), レストラン (restaurant), だいがく (college), みせ (shop), たべもの (food), のみもの (drink), ともだち (friend), がくせい (student), えいが (movie), ニューヨーク (New York), まち (town/city)

- Note: All vocabulary is from Genki Ch.1-5; proper nouns like “ニューヨーク” are allowed as they are context-specific.

Instructional Steps:

1. Review the provided vocabulary list from Genki Ch.1-5, focusing on adjectives and nouns. Write down 5 adjectives and 5 nouns you plan to use.
2. Look at the images or read descriptions of three New York scenes (e.g., a busy street, a quiet park, a famous food spot). For each scene, identify 2-3 features you can describe with adjectives.
3. On the worksheet, write three sentences for each scene using adjectives in present tense. Example: “ニューヨークのこうえんはしずかです。きれいです。”
4. Pair with a classmate. Role-play: one as the visitor asking “ニューヨークのどこがおもしろいですか。” and the other as the guide responding with your written sentences. Switch roles after each scene.
5. Select one scene and present your description to the class, using only the vocabulary from Ch.1-5.