

Effective Warm-up Exercises with an Email Magazine



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BACKGROUND:

When students arrive to class, they need to switch from their L1 into English. Here are several warm-up activities that help students do this while keeping the affective filter low.

Reading individually before class, working in groups in class

1. Students read 5 email magazine stories every week.
2. Groups of 3 or 4 students compete to answer one of the 10 content questions.
3. Competition and cooperation combine to create a lively atmosphere.

※This activity can be adapted to online classes by using the chat function in Zoom.

OTHER TECHNIQUES:

Timed reading in class

Print out the story, ask one question

In-class listening

Read the story aloud or use computer-generated speech for a variety of accents

In-class dictation

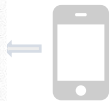
Dictation or dictagloss

Shadowing

Practice pronunciation and intonation



Download a
Jaremaga story



Intrigue your class with an email magazine!



☀ 5 stories

☀ 5 days

☀ 10 questions

Need for and benefits of an email magazine

- ◆ 1. Japanese students are exposed to small amounts of English text at school and need more exposure to natural English to develop a working knowledge of the language.
- ◆ 2. Short passages of comprehensible input allow them to read faster and with greater ease. This creates a virtuous circle: students read ⇒ they find reading easy ⇒ they enjoy reading ⇒ they read faster, and they read more

What is Jaremaga?

- ◆ An email magazine sent out every weekday (except on public holidays).
- ◆ Posts on a variety of topics.
- ◆ Approximately 100 words per post
- ◆ Readers can contribute (Readers' corner every Friday).

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