

TalkAbroad #1_Self-evaluation

Complete (A) - (E) for your first TA conversation.

しめきり: 10月18日 午後11時59分 (10 pts.)

名前:[アシュリン・カリー]

会話のトピック:(かおりさん)

A) Listen to your conversation recording and give feedback to yourself

		Yes できる	すこし できる	No できない
1	Can talk about the topic chosen, using sentences, instead of words or phrases.	x		
2	Can participate in a natural conversation, not an interview, sharing your experience and thoughts on the topic.	x		
3	Can ask a variety of questions about the partner to find out their experience and thoughts on the topic.		x	
4	Can give appropriate follow-up comments or repetitions to build a cohesive conversation.	x		
5	Can use oral communication strategies, Aizuchi such as そうですか , そうですね , へえ , はい , and repetition of keywords.		x	
6	Can appropriately use そうですか (for new information) and そうですね (for showing one's agreement with the information they have already had)		x	
7	Can ask appropriate follow-up questions to expand a conversation.		x	

8	Can provide more relevant information of your own after you answer partner's questions; can address partner's questions thoughtfully and informatively.	x		
9	Can have a conversation while keeping it with the topic, without suddenly asking about a completely different topic.	x		
10	Can lead a conversation at least half of the time without waiting for the partner to ask questions.		x	
11	Can solve communication difficulty by asking the meaning of unfamiliar words or asking the partner to repeat the phrase they don't understand.		x	
12	Can always call the partner 「～さん」. Can have a conversation without using the second person pronoun 「あなた」、「おまえ」、or 「きみ」.	x		
13	Can use the semi-formal language style without using causal expressions such as 「ごめん」、「じゃあ、またね。」、「ありがとう。」 or 「おつかれ！」.		x	
14	Can fully participate in a 30-minute conversation (at least 25 minutes).	x		

B) Language Use --- Communication Strategies

What kinds of communication strategies did you and the Japanese speaker use? Please check.

自分 yourself	相手 partner	
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	x	そうですか。(New information)
	x	そうですね。(Agreement)
		うん／はい (あいづち)
	x	ええ？／へえ／本当？／なるほど(あいづち)
	x	Repetitions of key words(繰り返しによる確認や疑問の表示)
x		Rephrasing(相手に分かりやすい説明をするための言い換え)
	x	Completing a sentence by adding a phrase to another person's unfinished sentence (いいさし)
	x	その他 そうなんですか・なるほど

C) Words or phrases you learned from the conversation (会話で学んだ言葉やフレーズ) *If you have not learned any new phrases, your conversation probably did not go deeply enough to discuss in detail for your level. You need more challenges next time! If you did not learn any phrases, write 「ないです」.*

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D) Words or phrases you wish you had known at the conversation (会話の時に知っていたらよかったのと思った言葉やフレーズ) **or Words or phrases you would like to incorporate into your future conversations on the similar topics** (次に同じような会話をする時に使ってみたい言葉やフレーズ) **Write at least one.**

I don't know any specific things, I just wish I was more fluid when talking.

E) Reflections (in English):

- How was the conversation? Did you have a natural conversation, not an interview?
- Were the words and phrases in your word-map helpful?
- Were you able to complete the conversation without using a dictionary or a translation tool?
- Did you (try to) use "rephrasing" when you had communication difficulty?
- What have you found about cultures and/or languages through the conversation?
- How can you improve your conversation skills?
- What would you like to prepare for the next conversation?
- Any other thoughts?

I had a lot of fun talking with Kaori-san, I feel like we connected really easily. I think we were able to have a fairly natural conversation, even though I didn't ask too many questions. Kaori gave enough extra information that we could spiral our conversation from that. I need to get better about asking questions back, but that's a problem I have in English.

I had a few from my 311 map that helped, and I had my question words. But Just doing it, and reviewing it before the conversation helped me get into Japanese easier.

I did try to rephrase a few times, one time I wasn't sure how to rephrase because it was something really specific. I tried to use the japanese word for machine that I had learned, but wasn't sure if we were on the same page, so I used the english word.

I still think finding something to shadow so all these basic conversation words and phrases flow better. I also need to go back over N4 level grammar from Genki.

I would like to shadow something for next time, right before my conversation to get warmed up to talk.

I feel like I did way better with thighs conversation than my 311 conversation.