

A Generic Syllabus for *New Conversations in Class*, Book 1 and Book 2

This generic syllabus is based on a typical 15-week semester. Feel free to copy and paste as you see fit. No doubt you'll need to customize it a bit to fit your needs.

Course aims and goals:

This class will help students improve their English conversation skills. Clear training in how to speak English like a native speaker will be given. Students will understand the differences between Japanese and Western cultural speaking styles in order to communicate more effectively. Students will also spend much time in class learning vocabulary and speaking with classmates about everyday life topics, such as: getting acquainted, daily life routines, hometowns, and travel. By the end of the course, if students work hard, they will be able to speak English more fluently, accurately, and with more complexity than they could at the beginning of the year.

英会話力を向上させるためのクラスです。ネイティブスピーカーのように英語を話すことを目標に、明晰なトレーニングを行います。日本文化と西洋文化における会話の仕方の違いを理解し、より効果的なコミュニケーションの方法を学びます。また、語彙の習得、及び、クラスメートと日常生活のトピック(人と知り合う、日常生活、出身地、旅行など)について話すことに多くの授業時間を割きます。受講生のみなさんが熱心に取り組めば、このコースが終了する頃には、受講前に比べてより流暢に、より正確に、より複雑な英語を話すことができるようになるでしょう。

Spring Semester

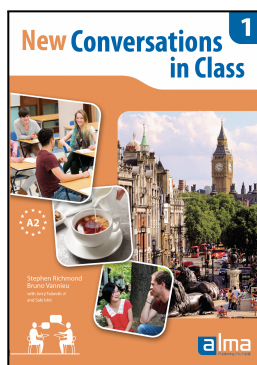
Textbook:

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Weekly Lesson Plans:

Week	Plan
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introduction to the course:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Goals○ Rules○ Grading● Lesson 0: Orientation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Are you taking any science classes?○ What's your busiest day of the week?
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lesson 1: Origins<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Where are you from?○ Where did you go to high school?○ Do you know where Sakata is?

Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 2: Your Lifestyle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do you live near here? ○ Do you come here by train? ○ Do you cook for yourself?
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 3: Routines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What time do you usually get up? ○ How long does it take you to get to campus? ○ How much time do you spend online a day?
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 4: Habits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How often do you eat out? ○ Do you ever fall asleep on the train? ○ What do you do to relax?
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 5: Your Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are you majoring in? ○ What subjects are you taking now? ○ What was your favorite class in high school?
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 6: Your Clubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are you in any clubs now? ○ Were you a member of any clubs in high school? ○ Why did you join that club?
Week 8	Mid-term exam
Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 7: Part-time Jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do you have a part-time job? ○ What is it like working at a cram school? ○ Why do you want to work as a tutor?
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 8: Future Jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What kind of job would you like to do in the future? ○ What field would you like to work in? ○ What is important for you in a job?
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 9: Your Money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What do you spend your money on? ○ What do you save money for? ○ How much do you spend on clothes a month?
Week 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 10: Going Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What do you like to do when you go out? ○ What's your favorite place to buy clothes? ○ Which do you prefer, shopping in stores, or shopping online?
Week 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 11: Hobbies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do you play any sports / instruments? ○ Do you have any hobbies? ○ Why did you take up photography?
Week 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 12: Catching Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What have you been doing recently? ○ Do you have any plans for this weekend? ○ What are your plans for the summer break?
Week 15	Final exam

Fall Semester

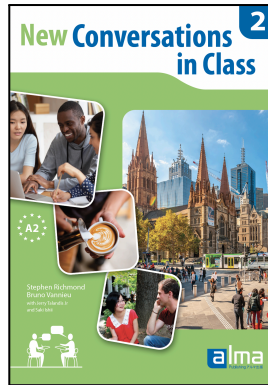
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Weekly Lesson Plans:

Week	Plan
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introduction to the course:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Goals○ Rules○ Grading● Lesson 0: Orientation<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What did you do during the holidays?○ How was it?
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lesson 1: Travels<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Have you ever been abroad?○ How was your trip to Hokkaido?○ Are there any foods I should try in Hokkaido?
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lesson 2: Entertainment<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What kind of music do you like?○ Who is your favorite actress?
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lesson 3: Movies and Books<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Have you seen any good movies recently?○ What did you like about <i>One Piece</i>?
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lesson 4: Skills and Abilities<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What kind of things are you good at?○ What would you like to get better at?○ What do you think is a good way to improve your English?
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lesson 5: Your Meals<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What did you have for breakfast?○ Do you prefer tea or coffee?○ What do you feel like for dinner?
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lesson 6: Family and Pets<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Do you have a large family?○ Who in your family are you most similar to?
Week 8	Mid-term exam

Week 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 7: Childhood and the Past <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What was your favorite TV show when you were a kid? ○ Did you use to climb trees when you were a kid? ○ What did you want to be when you were ten?
Week 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 8: Your Hometown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What's your hometown famous for? ○ What's the best way to get to your hometown?
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 9: A Place to Live <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What do you like about your hometown? ○ Would you rather live in the city or the country? ○ What's the shopping like in your hometown?
Week 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 10: Seasons and Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What's your favorite time of the year? ○ What do you do for New Year's ?
Week 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 11: Life Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would you like to live abroad someday? ○ What do you think is a good age to have kids? ○ Do you think it's OK to live together before getting married?
Week 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lesson 12: Dreams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What would your dream house be like? ○ What would you do if you won the lottery? ○ Do you think you'll still be living here in 10 years' time?
Week 15	Final exam