# YES! WE CAN!



**ENGAGING STUDENTS IN THE ONLINE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT** 

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**Section 1: Introduction** 



# **INTRODUCTION: PRESENTER**

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#### **CONTENTS OF THIS PRESENTATION:**

Three of Many Essential Components to Student Engagement in Online Learning:

- Creating a Safety Net For the Students
- o Creating a Sense of Care and Pilina
- Creating Exciting/Engaging Lessons



Note 1: I will provide a few examples of my work, but if you are interested in many more, or have questions, please email me. All examples were created in Google Drive, so they are easily shareable.

**Note 2:** If you would like assistance or have questions that were not answered, please email me. Those viewing offline can email too!

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# **INTRODUCTION: MY FeeLINGS DURING THE PANDEMIC**



How do I compete for the students' attention/enthusiasm?



How do I create and maintain positive relationships?



How do I create opportunities for the TL?



How do I cover everything I need to cover?



How do I assess?



How to I break down barriers to learning?



How do I find time for myself?

# **INTRODUCTION: STUDENT FEELINGS DURING THE PANDEMIC**



*Is anyone paying attention to me?* 



I miss my friends!



How do I study in this environment?



How do I keep up with my assignments?



I am sooooo confused!



Soooooo bored!



# **INTRODUCTION: SOME KEY COMPONENTS OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

# SAFETY NET

- Safety net of organization and communication
- Create easy-to-use online environment
- Create a consistent routine for everything.
- Create a live environment of support and cherishing mistakes.

# EXCITING AND ENGAGING LESSONS

- Maximize Interaction
- Personalize and Brand Everything
- Several Short Duration Activities
- Games
- Make the most of live classes.
- Have Fun With the Target Language



# CONFIDENCE!

- Show confidence in your class's ability to succeed despite difficulties in online learning.
- Create opportunities to build confidence in the TL and learning.
- Trust in YOUR ability to teach.
- No excuses!

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# **OPENNESS**

- Share and integrate your personality and interests
- Be honest
- Be open about your expectations, concerns, and feelings.
- Be open to asking for help!

# **SENSE OF CARE**

- Growth over Compliance
- Pilina First, Content Second
- Flexible Deadlines and Compromise
- Frequent and meaningful communication
- Observe and Integrate Student Interests
- Be available!

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**SECTION 2: TECHNIQUES FOR DEVELOPING A SAFETY NET** 



# **Section 1: Techniques For Developing A SAFETY NET**

These are just a few of the things I do to establish a safety net for my students.

# 1. Morning Message:

**Everyday** at 7:30 am, I send an email through my LMS which houses all important information (greeting from me, upcoming quizzes, homework with links, funny video.

#### 2. Establish A Routine:

In addition to the Morning Message, I set an maintain clear routines: consistent days for Zoom/Live Classes, regular due dates.

For Zoom/classes, I: create a slideshow for every lesson and upload to the LMS, set a general routine for the actual lesson.



#### (2/26) Japanese 1 Morning Message FRIDAY!

Happy Friday!!!!! So proud of your accomplishments. Today marks 50% through Kana!! So, for this weeke a breather (Freshmen/Senior still have "classwork"), and for those who are struggling (C's or below), to we

#### 1) Note to Struggling Students

For those who are struggling, have tons of missing assignments, having a bunch of trouble, please reach o Japanese--- I started at 16.

-->I had a student with a 20% in my class in Quarter 4 a year or two back; we met a few times, made a much co job to reach out to me---absolutely no shame--- I am here to help!

#### 2) Upcoming Quizzes

TODAY: Sophomores: Kana A-D Writing

#### <<Next Week>> BEST GUESS/CHECK MORNING MESSAGE FOR UPDATES

M (F/S): Short Listening and Writing Quiz on G3 so far: Numbers, age. Most likely grade level will NOT be T (F/S): Kana A-D Writing

TH (Soph) Short Listening and Writing Quiz on G3 so far: Numbers, age AND GRADE.

F (Soph): Kana A-D Writing, + Long Vowels and Double Consonants (We are not learning any new letters

#### 3) Homework for DUE BY END OF DAY FRIDAY

#### Senior/Freshmen

1) G-3: Activity 4A: Celebrity Age WH

This is an example of a typical morning message.

# **Section 1: Techniques For Developing A SAFETY NET**

These are just a few of the things I do to establish a safety net for my students.

# 3. Centralized Progress Report

I create a Google-Doc progress report for the students which contains everything from assigned-dates to due-dates, to performance on individual assignments.

It is color-coded: red for missing assignments, green for assignments/quizzes over 85%, black for items that should be redone, and orange for anything over 24hrs late.

I add new homework daily, and update grades (and colors) about twice a week.

I share with the parents and the counselors.

This is a perfect compliment to the Morning Messages.

#### PROGRESS CHECK AND ASSIGNMENT LIST

This document has all of your homework and grades/progress. Everyone is on a different pace, so this is unique to you.

名前 Last Updated 5/2/21	Current Grade 78.3 C+
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You picked up a bunch but are missing a bunch. I have confidence in you!



This is the example of the shared progress sheet.

# **Section 1: Techniques For Developing A SAFETY NET**

#### 4. Train Your Students and Parents:

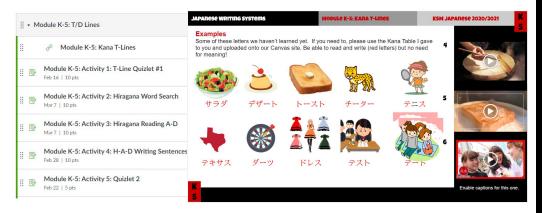
I create a training module for the students and parents (optional) which takes them through syllabi-stuff, how to use the technology, my organization system, how to get help, etc.

### **5.Organize Consistently**

I have a consistent means of naming modules, naming and referring to assignments (in messaging, progress sheets, when conversing with parents.)



Top (Left and Right): This is an example of the resource slideshow and module for training. Bottom: An example of module organization and labeling of resource slideshow



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**SECTION 3: TECHNIQUES FOR DEVELOPING SENSE OF CARE** 



# **Section 2: Techniques for Developing A SENSE of CARE**

These are just a few of the things I do to establish a sense of care with my students and their situations

## 1. Adopt a Growth-Mindset

- 1. Students can re-do anything even quizzes.
- 2. Frequent, small assignments/project-steps and assessments, no large tests.
- 3. Flexible Deadlines: quality versus rushing.

# 2.Being Cognisant of Their Situations

- 1. High-critical-thinking activities saved for live classes.
- 2. Realistically-flexible deadlines.
- 3. Achieve compromise as long as communication and progress is occurring.

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

- 1. Have fun!
- 2. Do your best!
- 3. Make the most out of the time you have in class and at home to practice.
- 4. Be one with your mistakes.
- Take all opportunities to improve your grade.
- Ask questions and seek out help-- no shame!
- 7. Respect everyone and the opportunity that you are being given here.
- 8. Be open-minded.
- 9. Be okay with making a fool of yourself!
- 10. Be prepared and on time!





#### GRADES

#### General Information

- I care more about what you can demonstrate to me than grades.
- There are rarely any assignments which are one-offs. This means, you will have chances to redo!
- Grades can be checked in Canvas (most up-to-date) and KS Connect.
- Missing assignments will tank your grade.
- 5. I always give the minimum requirements

Example slides from my training module which explains my philosophy and grading policies.

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# **Section 2: Techniques for Developing A SENSE of CARE**

# 3. Frequent and Meaningful Communication (Besides normal Morning Message)

- 1. Quick email check-ins with students (praise, concerns, questions, etc.)
- 2. General POSITIVE email home to parents to keep them informed and build foundation for dealing with issues.
- 3. Keep emails to a minimum to avoid a flood.



#### **COMMUNICATION**

I will send you a bunch of communication:

#### Morning Message: (All students)

Right at 7:30am, you will receive a Canvas message from me. It will contain the day's plan and activities that you need to complete.

#### Afternoon Message: (All students)

This will be sent if I need to give any urgent classwide feedback

#### Individual Message (As needed)

This will be done to give you feedback, remind you of missing assignments, and upcoming appointments.

#### Family Message (As needed)

I will send a general update to parents about the class about every two weeks. I will not send a specific message to them without talking to you first.

If I send you an individual message, please reply that you understood.

(Top:) training module slide describing communication. (Bottom-Left) Daily slideshow, used Naruto background because student asked. (Bottom-Right) Everyday starts with conversation of various topics. "What will you do this weekend?"

#### 4. Know Your Students.

- 1. I start the year with a survey.
- 2. Every class, I allow for "free" conversation time/ warm-up to gather more information about the students.
- 3. I integrate as much as possible into my slideshows, lessons, and interactions.



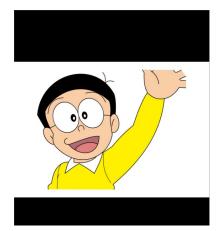


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# **Section 2: Techniques for Developing A SENSE of CARE**

#### 4. Be available!

- 1. Have open office hours (at school, via email, via Zoom) so students can ask for/receive help.
- 2. Organize office hours around when most students study. (Haha not at 1am)
- 3. Respond to emails as quickly as possible.



#### **GETTING HELP**

Please do ask for help at any-time, even if you think I am busy. There is no shame in it.

In-Person Office Hours: Usually my door is opened all day. Please drop or set up an appointment.

Online Office Hours: About 7:30am to 8:00pm except for times I am teaching live! If appointment, we can Zoom.

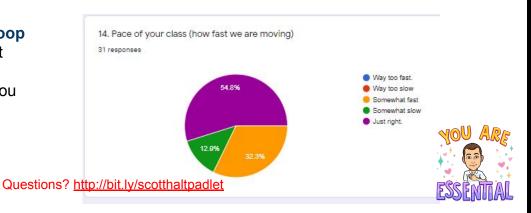
Read my Feedback... It usually answers your questions.

Contacting me through Canvas or Email is Best. If I don't reply within a couple hours, nag me:)

(Top:) training module slide describing how to get help (Bottom) Example of a question from a pulse survey.

# 5. Seek their Feedback and Close the Loop

- 1. Frequent student-pulse surveys (at least quarterly).
- 2. **Close the loop** by demonstrating that you made adjustments based on feedback.



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Section 4: Techniques for Developing Exciting and Engaging Lessons



# 1. Asynch Versus Live: Divide and Conquer!

Put a great deal of thought into what aspects of your instruction belongs in asynchronous learning and what belongs in your live classes.

With limited live time, you need to make the most out of your time. What can they ONLY due in the Zoom or Live Classroom?

**Asynch Learning:** Listening, reading/recording activities, asynch Kahoots for introducing new grammar, easy projects, verb conjugation drills, etc. Serve as prep for live lessons.

**Live:** Communication, fun, interaction, Using the language, not learning about the language.



TL Communication Practice



Collaboration
/ Interaction
with peers



Games, culture, "hands-on"



Short Quizzes

THINKING...



High-Level Critical Thinking



Lectures and L1 grammar talk



Deadtime



Major grades attached to the lesson, except for participation.



Large tests...
Can't we be
more
efficient?!

#### 2. Pacing/Structure Of Your Live Lessons

Here are characteristics of my live/Zoom lessons (75 min):

- At least 8-10 Activities per lesson
- Each activity lasts about 5-10 minutes, NO LONGER THAN TEN.
- There are clear transitions and often brain breaks.
- Strong Student participation through Zoom Chat,
   Padlet, etc. Students have to be on their toes at all time.
- If in Breakout Rooms, students have a very short time with one partner, and they switch frequently.
- Cycles through warm-up, cool-down activities.
- Goal is to use every second of the live class for USING the target language.



(Top:) Clickable daily slideshow for my 2nd/3rd year class. (Bottom) Clickable informal sample lesson plan.





# 3. As much *genuine* interaction as possible!

You have the activities planned, but you need to make sure you are maximizing your students' opportunities to genuinely interact with each other. The more they are interacting, generally the higher the engagement.



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#### Kahoot/Quizlet

Not best languagelearning tool, but great on creating excitement/energy.



# **Google Drive:**

Share a document, great for team games, story-making activities, and others!



# Mini-Projects Short-duration creative/TL activities.



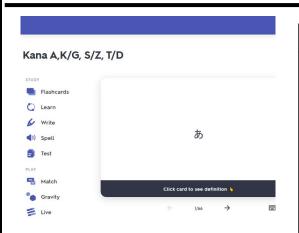
#### **Breakout Rooms:**

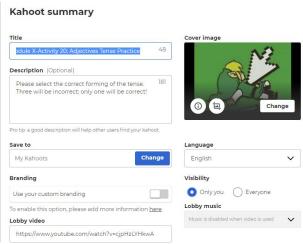
Great for interpersonal activities and some games.



Zoom-Chat or Padlet: Easy replacement for whiteboards, Q&A and some games.

#### A FEW EXAMPLES OF INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES





1Kahoot and Quizlet: Great quick activities for engagement and energy! Personalize by using your own music or lobby video.

#### **SPLIT BATTLESHIP**

This is a split Battleship as we have 2 levels in this class! E-Group will use the pink areas, and J-Group will use the blue areas. I will hide five ships with 4 spaces each. Top (all Kanji) then left (wants). Just say the coordinates. J-Group has to say both blue&bink.





		日本	今日	何年	今月	何日	明後日	何分	今年	今朝	週末
		一番	五つ	四月	六つ	四日	六分	三日	一分	六月	四時
八百屋	三時										
説明	四分										
一週間	三年生										
八千八百	五日										
何曜日	三つ										
昨日	四つ										
週一回	二分										
何年生	五時										
一昨日	一時										
百貨店	四年生										
学校の日	六日										

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Google Drive
Games: Students
try to find my ships. I
share my screen
(game board) and
write initials of hits
and misses. For
1on1, I make
breakout rooms and
a copy of the board
for each student.

#### A FEW EXAMPLES OF INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

#### WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY...

- Greetings
- Weekend Talk (Demo/Kedo)
- · Practice and Review YN Questions and WH Questions
- Time Game
- Discussion about K-16
- Adjective Brainstorming
- · Talking about upcoming classes.

If you have any questions please PRIVATELY send a message to me in chat. I will answer it anonymously. If I can get to it right then and now, I will address it with you later.



#### **VOCAB PRACTICE**

- Round 1: Please listen to my wants and write a + in your private chat if it applies to you. If it is a no, write --.
- Round 2: I will point and have you give your wants.
- 3) Pay really close attention to the vocab!



#### **VOCAB PRACTICE**



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#### **BREAKOUT ROOMS #2**

- You are going to have 5 minutes in Breakout rooms. Have a conversation about summer break. Yes you need to ask what they did, but your focus should be adjective questions and joining for the answers.
- Please take notes; you will definitely need them.
   Scribbling in English is fine!
- 3) Your speaking must be 100% Japanese!



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#### **SUMMARY**

- 1) I just pulled you out of Break-Out rooms.
- You will record a summary in Japanese for as long as you can. (I set the limit at 3:00, but no expectations that you can reach it...)
- 3) When you are recording, Mute the Video/Audio on Zoom. I will announce time.
- 4) If done early, turn your video back on.
- 5) You have 6 minutes total.

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nline timer



Top Left: Daily slideshow: how to ask questions; Top Middle /Right chat activity.

Bottom: Breakout Room activity and debrief video.



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#### A FEW EXAMPLES OF INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

## 日本語のクラスのマスコット



# 日本語のクラスのマスコット

I will divide you into two groups. It is your job, in each group, to come up with a mascot for our Japanese class and present it. The most well argued team will get extra credit. This is what you have to do:

Come up With the Background/Origin Describe the Physical Appearance and abilities. Anything else you can think of.

Drawing on whiteboard, etc. showing me kind of what this would look like. You, as a group will present in front of the class / record a video.



# Mascot Mini Project: This can be done in-person or over Zoom. This focused on three grammar patterns related to feelings and quotes.

- 1) We started with a structured viewing activity and discussion about mascots
- 2) Students were tasked to come up with a drawing and informal presentation. (1 class plus homework.)
- 3) Audience will give five or so comments, and 3 or 4 questions. We will note everything.
- 4) Students will rate other presentations with discussion.
- 5) Additionally assessed on grammar in handout.

# どうおもいますか?

Review the mascots you saw by filling out this form.



# **\*27-MASCOT-KOI**Name Date

A. Please rate the mascots you see (1-10) and consider design, awkwardness, explanation. After each mascot, write two <u>とおもいます</u> feelings/comments. They should be in past tense.

Mascot なまえ	レーティング	コメント
	,	
		110

B. During the discussion, take notes on what people say and what you heard about your mascot. 4 といいました and 3 とききました.

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### 4. Pay Close Attention to the Visual Presentation

- Create a daily slideshow and "share" with students.
- Brand Everything From Daily Slideshow to LMS homepage
- Create a slideshow template so you can change backgrounds to incorporate themes/student interests.
- Make use of Bitmoji and Clipart
- Clear Visual Transitions
- Amount of Target Language/Text



(Top:) Canvas-home-page logo (clipart, little Photoshop (text), (Bottom Left/Middle) Falcon and Winter-Soldier backgrounds, used while the season finale was airing. (Bottom Right) Kana module (all Godzilla themed)







#### 5. Make the Most Out of Multimedia

We are learning/teaching online, so we should make use of technology such as Google Slides, audio files, etc., but also Youtube and other media.

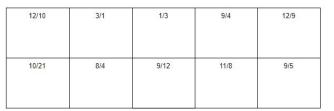


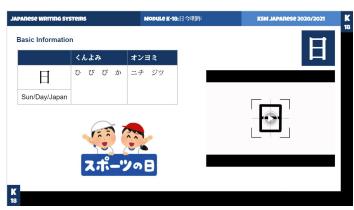
(Left:) Resource Slideshow Slide with videos on right, so students can research cities based on my Top Ten favorite cities in Japan. (Right Top) Students listen to my recording and fill out their bingo sheets (asynchronous). (Right Bottom) Kanji slideshow with stroke order video embedded

#### MOD-X ACTIVITY 11 DATES AND DAYS OF WEEK BINGO

Name

Please listen to the audio file (in Canvas) where I will say the dates and Days of the week. Color in the boxes if you hear the word called. You can listen as many times as you like. Careful, there are numbers that were called that aren't listed, and numbers that are listed that weren't called





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### 6. Use Engagement Boosters

Engagement boosters may quickly boost the engagement levels of the students, *but should not be overused, and every tool will not work for every student.* 

## Some of my favorites!



Technology
Phones, Padlet,
Buzzers,
Video-Editing, etc.



Gamifying
Setting up
Rewards-Plan,
Experience
Points, etc.



Movies and Videos WITH A POINT



Food Cooking Activities, Snacks for prizes, etc.



Music
Quizlet, etc.,
during
quizzes, as
culture.



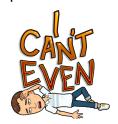
Arts/Crafts/ Design!



Funny videos, pictures, self-deprec ating humor

# 6. Use Engagement Boosters

When considering using these engagement boosters, as yourself these questions:



Is it too difficult to learn or too complex to implement?!



Has it been used too much? Does it actually engage the students?



Does it create or break-down SEL or learning barriers?





Does it take a lot of time to set up or for students to learn?



What is the <u>specific SEL</u> or TL point?!



Does it enhance TL engagement or detract from it?

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**SECTION 5: CONCLUSION** 



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### **Major Points:**

- 1. We are all providing our students with an authentic, meaningful, and target-language-rich learning experience, maybe not the same level as in-person classes, but we are close!
- 2. The most important and difficult is the rice/pilina/relationships. Know your students, show you care through action, be positive, be available, and be observant and proactive/reactive to their needs.
- 3. Give them tools (LMS, lesson slideshow, modules) that are efficient, meaningful, visually-appealing, clear, consistent, and barrier removing!
- 4. Provide lessons that are efficient, quick paced, genuinely interactive and student-centered, fun, dynamic and with low-stress/ high-rigor, and focused on communication!
- 5. Be deliberate/judicious in your use of engagement boosters.



# **Section 5: Conclusion**

### **Major Points:**

- 6. Activities should also be efficient, frequent/short, and policies for late assignments, redos, retakes, should reflect a Growth Mindset!
- 7. You can only do your best!
- 8. YOU CAN USE EVERYTHING WHEN WE GO BACK TO NORMAL CLASSES. THINK OF ALL THAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED!



# **Section 5: Conclusion**



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- You would like templates.
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