

Oral Communication Language Learning Histories

Our next topic in Oral Communication is *Me & Learning English*. Writing and talking about language learning histories is extremely valuable preparation for this topic! What's more, learning histories help us to know how our classmates have learned or are learning English, what they think about learning, and what helps them to improve. They also show us that although some of us have *never been abroad*, others have *been abroad a bit*, and others have *been abroad a while*, we can all learn a lot from one another.

Assignment: Please read the three examples, then write your own language learning history from when you began learning English to the present. Your history should be about 500 words long and sent to me via email: <kindt@nufs.ac.jp>. Please type <Language Learning History> and <OCS3a> or <OCS3b> on the subject (題名) line. Please do this before Friday!

When I get all the histories, I'll email them back to you. Obviously it is very important to have an active email account to do this. But if you don't have an email account, you can give me your language learning history on flash memory.

Here are some questions you might want to answer in your history:

- How did you learn English in JHS and HS?
- What positive and negative experiences did you have and what did you learn from them?
- What were you expecting before you came to university?
- What were you surprised about in your university classes?
- How have you changed your ways of language learning since coming to the university?
- What are the things that you found especially helpful?
- What are the areas that you still want to improve in?
- What are your language learning plans and goals for the next three years?
- What are your language learning plans and goals after graduation?
- What advice would you give to other second-year students?

I hope you enjoy writing, reading, and talking about our language learning histories. I'll join you too by writing my language teaching history! If you have any questions, please ask. ☺