

Academic English Basic

Week1

Instructor:

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Free Writing

- Keep writing for 5 minutes.
- Make sure to keep your hand moving all the time (a two-second break is too long).
- For corrections, strike a single line through the error; do not use an eraser.
- Topic: The spring break is over. How are you?

Before We Start

- Assuming that we will be communicating in English, please feel free to call me.

Koji :))

Before We Start

- You can interrupt me anytime. For example, by saying
 - “Can you say that again?”
 - “Can you speak loudly?”
 - “I agree!” or “I disagree because “
 - “You are talking too fast.”
 - “Give me an example.”
 - “Why?”

.... Basically, any comments will be appreciated!

Rule 1: Participate!

- I welcome your participation.
- You can participate positively:
 - Smiling
 - Nodding
 - Making an eye contact
- Try not to participate negatively:
 - Sleeping
 - Frowning
 - Looking away

Rule 2: Speak English!

- The language of instruction is, as a rule, English.
- Please relax! If you really cannot speak English, you may ask me a question in Japanese (but try to speak English first!).

Rule 3: Enjoy!

- Even if you cannot enjoy studying English, please enjoy SOMETHING.
- Let's try not to laugh AT your classmates.
- You can alternatively laugh WITH them.

Rule 4: No more rules!

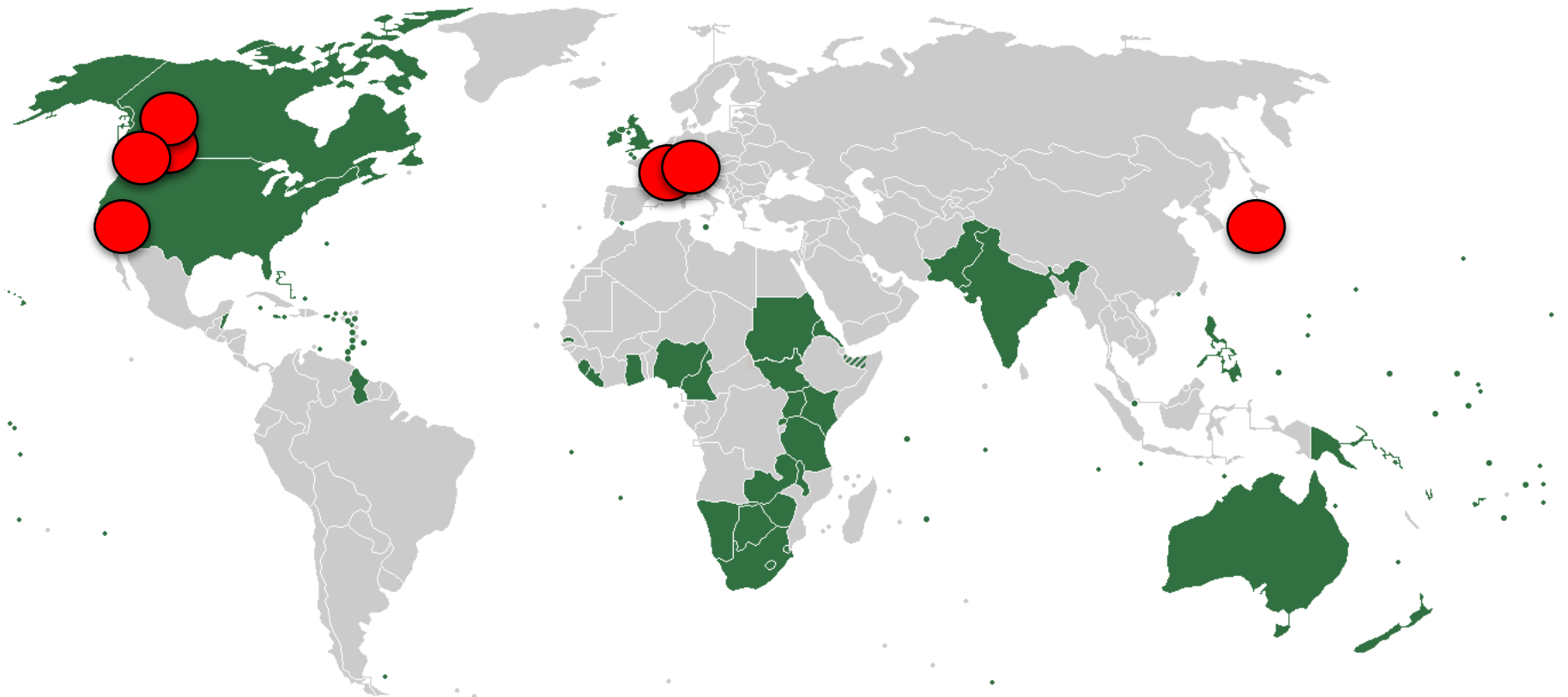
DO NOT create
any more rules by yourself.

So, Who is Koji?

- I am a psycholinguist (psycholinguistics = psychological study of language)
- I have never been a student in a Japanese university.
- I studied in Canada for 12 years.
- I received BA (Hons) and PhD from the University of Alberta.
- From 2015 to 2017, I lived in Germany for 2 years.

So, Who is Koji?

I have lived in ...



Countries using English as an official language or as the predominant language (Wikipedia)

So, Who is Koji?

- I like (1) experiments, (2) coffee, (3) reading, (4) cycling, (5) blood donation, (6) apple, and (7) gaming.



Syllabus

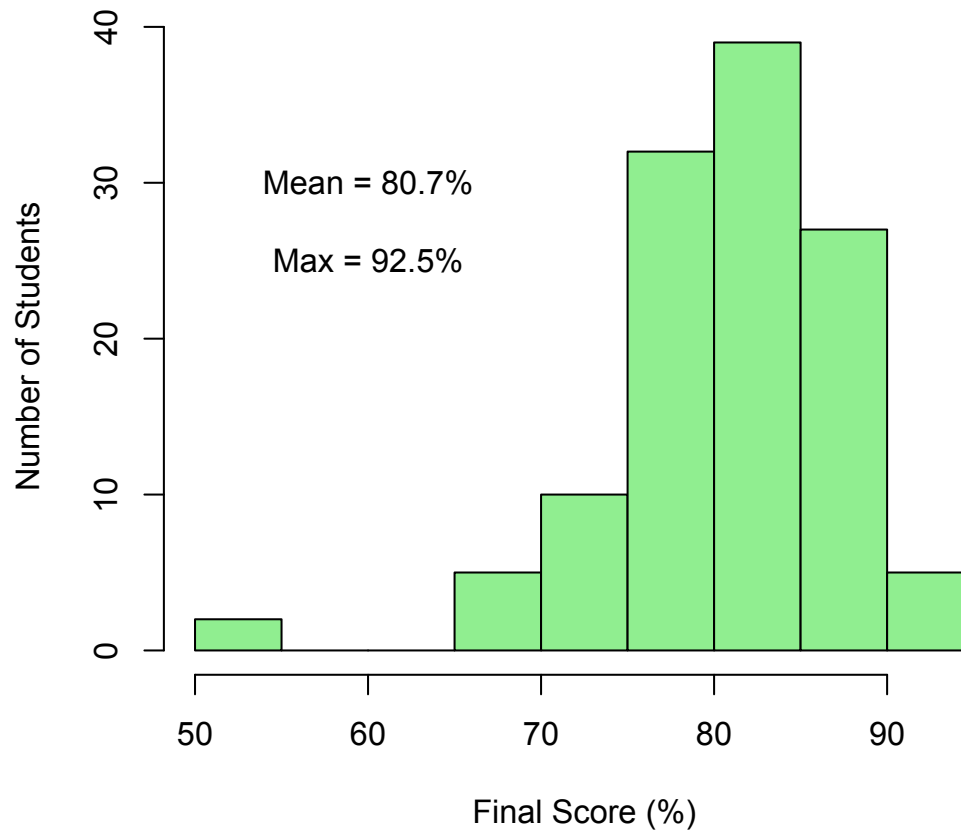
- Course description and goals
- Course contents
- Evaluation
- Textbook
- Notice for students

Evaluation

- Final grades will be determined based on an absolute (not relative) achievement, taking into account marks (in percent) for all components listed above:
 - S: 100%~90
 - A: 89%~80%
 - B: 79%~70%
 - C: 69%~60%
 - F: < 59%

Evaluation

AEB (Spring 2014) Score Distribution



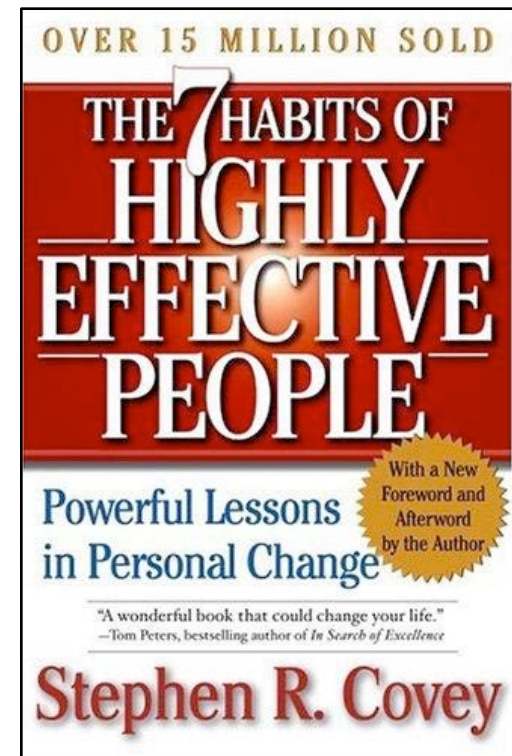
Office Hour

- Office hour
 - 文系総合館 711号室
 - Friday 3rd Period (1:00 – 2:30PM)
 - You do not have to make an appointment.
 - You can also email me anytime at kojimiwa@nagoya-u.jp



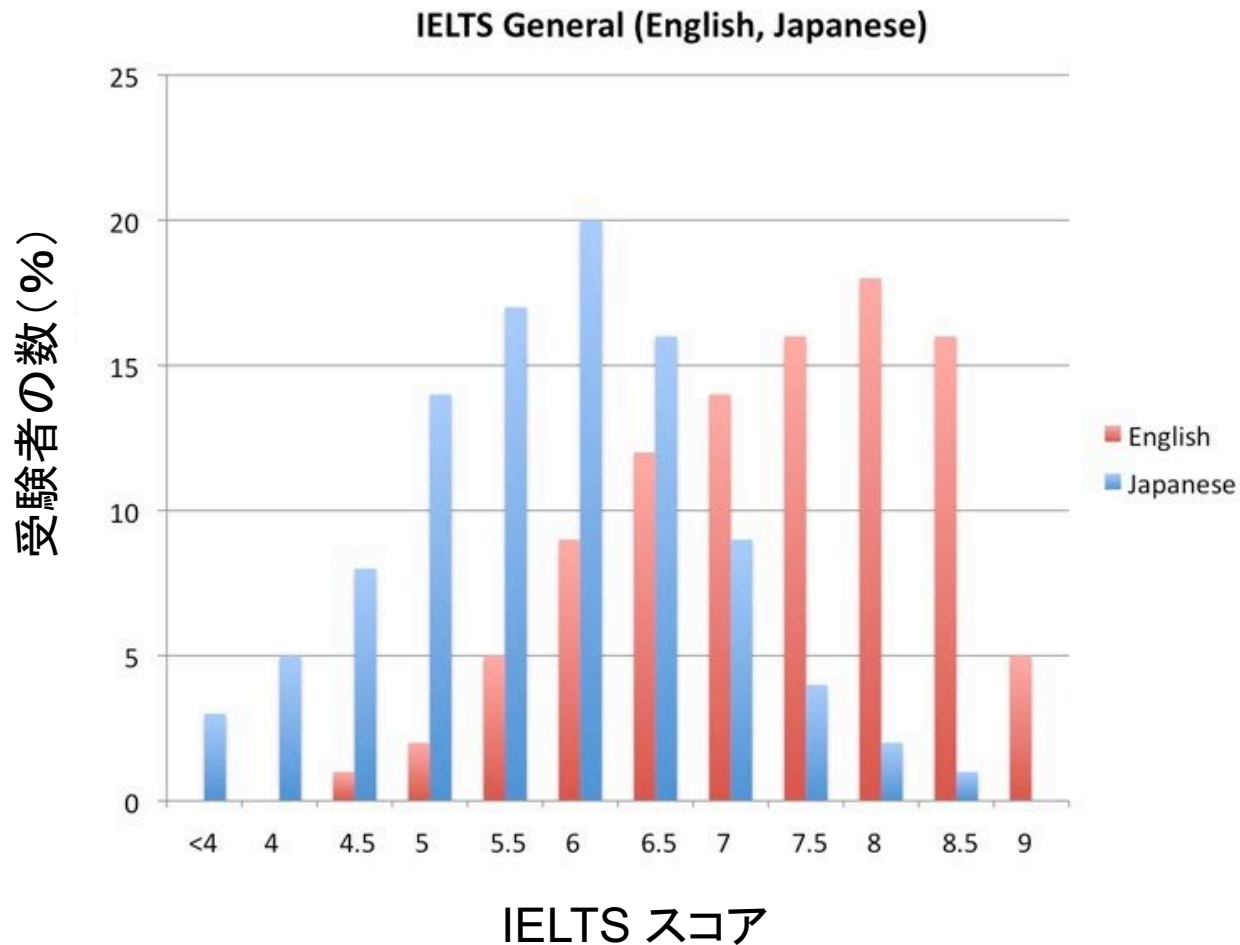
My Teaching Philosophy

- **Habit 1:** Be Proactive
- **Habit 2:** Begin with the End in Mind
- **Habit 3:** Put First Things First
- **Habit 4:** Think Win-Win
- **Habit 5:** Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood
- **Habit 6:** Synergize
- **Habit 7:** Sharpen the Saw



Be Confident in Your English!

- Have you compared native speakers and yourself?



Getting ready: Knowing your audience

- On the first day of the semester, what do you want to know about your classmates? (Age? Hobby? Family? Bank account balance?)
- Let's find something positive in ... everything.
- Useful expressions:

That is interesting!

You are right!

Please continue.

Cool!

What happened next?

Can you explain more?

I like that!

Getting ready: Knowing your audience

- Please form a group of 5 or 6.
- Find what you all have in common?
(Find something peculiar).

Homework

- Please find a person who you admire.
- Then, please bring the following information to class
 - His/her life story (history)
 - What he/she achieved
 - Why you admire him/her

.... and come ready to present your ideas next week.