

Week 2 – Term 1 – May 2017 – Class Contents – UPPER INTERMEDIATE Class

Agenda

1. REVIEW: “Prefer” and “Preferences”
 2. LEARN: 3 “Pre-Question” Phrases
 3. REVIEW: 5 “Reaction” Phrases
 4. CHECK: HOMEWORK
 5. ACTIVITY: Exchanging Preferences
-

REVIEW: POINTS TO IMPROVE in TERM 1

1. Think and respond quickly.
2. Organize a logical answer in your mind.
3. Answer (Execute) in a timely manner. (in 10 seconds.)

Goal Technique:

Think → Organize → Execute

REVIEW: Key Word #1: Prefer

- *Dictionary Check Time: “Prefer”*
- Definition: a term referring to a long-distance road relay running race.

REVIEW: Key Word #2: Preferences

- *Dictionary Check Time: “Preferences”*
-

REVIEW: Key Preferences Questions

- TWO COMMON Key Questions:
- “What are your preferences?”

- “Do you have any preferences?”
-

REVIEW: Key Pattern

“Which do you prefer, A or B?”

Examples:

A. Which do you prefer, using a tablet, or using a notebook?

B. Which do you prefer, coffee or tea?

C. Which do you prefer, working at Kawasaki or working at Shirakawa?

Key Point to remember:

1. “Which do you prefer, A or B?”
2. “Which do you prefer, A or B **and why?**” (Found on TOEIC Speaking Test)

Note: “**and why**” means give your reason.

REVIEW: Answer Technique for “Prefer”

Key Phrase:

“I prefer A **over** B + REASON + Support Example” + Ending.

Note: “**over**” means “more than.”

REVIEW: 3 “Starting” Phrases

- 1. Actually
- 2. To be honest
- 3. Personally

REVIEW: Key Example 1:

Actually, I prefer using a laptop over desktop PCs simply because it's more convenient for me. **For example,** I can bring my laptop anywhere. **Therefore, I prefer** using a laptop.

REVIEW Key Example 2:

To be honest, I prefer working at Shirakawa over Kawasaki mainly because the air is much cleaner. **i.e.** I can go jogging in fresh air in the morning. **Therefore, I prefer** working at Shirakawa.

REVIEW: Key Example 3:

Personally, I prefer coffee over tea primarily because coffee helps my body to wake up more than tea at my office in the morning. **Case in point,** I always drink coffee before I start work in the morning. **Therefore, I prefer** coffee.

LEARN: 3 Key Pre-Question Phrases

1. **If I may ask, (plus Question)**
 2. **May I ask you a question? (plus Question)**
 3. **By the way, (plus Question)**
- Key Question: **Which do you prefer, A or B, and why?**

REVIEW: 5 Key Reaction Phrases

1. **I agree.**
2. **I see.**
3. **Really?**
4. **I partially agree.**
5. **Interesting.**

CHECKED: HOMEWORK (ROUND 2)

Directions: For the next class, prepare and write your answer to these questions:

1. Which do you prefer Bluetooth headphones or wired headphones and why?
 2. Which do you prefer having a meeting on Monday or having a meeting on Friday and why?
 3. Which do you prefer using the internet or using SNS and why?
 4. Which do you prefer using a laptop PC or using a desktop PC and why?
 5. Which do you prefer living in the city or living in the country and why?
- Be sure to **TYPE** and **PRINTOUT** your answers for next week.

→ Also.....**Be sure to PRACTICE saying your Homework data answers BEFORE** you come to the next class!

→ **REASON:** Your speaking target is to be able to say each answer in 10 seconds smoothly!

→ Good luck!

Today's Key Challenge:

- To be able to **communicate** (**NOT read**) your homework data to another person.
→ Now, let's share your homework data!

HOMEWORK

For the next class, PRACTICE your answers AGAIN to these questions:

1. Which do you prefer Bluetooth headphones or wired headphones and why?
2. Which do you prefer having a meeting on Monday or having a meeting on Friday and why?
3. Which do you prefer using the internet or using SNS and why?
4. Which do you prefer using a laptop PC or using a desktop PC and why?
5. Which do you prefer living in the city or living in the country and why?

DIRECTIONS:

1. Practice all five of your answers again.
2. **Your target is to be able to say your FIVE answers without looking at your paper smoothly.**
3. **Advice:** Please practice one answer per day many times until you can say your answer smoothly and confidently.

→ In the next class, you should be able to **say each answer without looking at your data.**

→ **Using your mind** and **not your eyes** to improve your "output" speaking level!

Good luck!