

# Current English II : Weekly Journal

## 休校中の課題について

Hello students! How are you doing at home? We hope you are staying healthy and safe in this difficult time, and we are excited to work with you this year.

For this class you will record two **spoken journal entries (日誌)** each week. These journal entries can be on any topic, but we ask you to choose one personal topic and one topic related to a current event or public issue. We will provide example topics below, but feel free to use your own creativity. Journal entries should be **around one minute long**, and they can be recorded on your smartphone, or any other device that records sound. This is a chance to develop your writing and speaking skills at the same time—but if you cannot record, you may write around 100-word short essays instead.

Please submit **TWO journal entries** (one: personal topic / the other: public topic) to the following email address via email every Sunday night before 8:00 PM. ([yabe@fukiai.net](mailto:yabe@fukiai.net)) **The sound quality must be low so that the file size is not too large (.mp3 files are preferred).** If you submit TWO essays, please use Microsoft Word. Also, please name the file in the following format: Given Name, Family Name, Class Number, Personal or Public. (Example: Aaron Jansen 3333 Personal). Have fun!

## Example Topics

- ◇ What is a song/book/movie/game that has influenced you, and how?
- ◇ How has your daily routine changed because of the coronavirus pandemic?
- ◇ What is your favorite and least favorite thing about school/home/club activities?
- ◇ What is your personal philosophy for making important decisions in your life?
- ◇ What would you do if you received ¥100,000 from the government?
- ◇ Are you an optimist or a pessimist about the future? Why?
- ◇ How would you describe your culture? How do you feel about it?
- ◇ Describe a news story that makes you worried. Why?
- ◇ Describe an opinion in the media that you disagree with. Why?
- ◇ Pick a global issue to research, and explain what you learn about it.