

NUFS Workshop 2011

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Final Presentation

Date: March 24, 2012, 14:30-17:00

March 25, 2012, 9:30-12:30

Venue: Conference room at Irigo Sea Park & Spa

The number of participants: 11

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Abstract: Each action research group member made their final presentation on their action research. They reported what they did, what happened, what they learned, future issues and so on. They had a great time at Koiijigahama beach after that.



Comments from the participants

1. What do you think of the action research project you have participated in? Did it help you to improve your teaching skills?

- The advices the participants gave me stimulated me to try to improve my teaching contents and skills. I've improved my teaching thanks to the NUFs workshops. Trying the action researches made me possible to improve my skills.
- Working on the action project gives me some pressure that I have to do before each monthly report. Analyzing students' survey, comments and performance teaches me what to improve next year.
- It was very necessary for my development as a learner and teacher. My action research helped with assessment of the learners and myself. I could see places where I needed to improve and I was able to try things out and then analyze the results.

2. How was a monthly report and presentation?

- I got good advice from other participants. It was very helpful. Their comments encouraged me. I could review later from the notes they gave me.
- It was helpful because it allowed me to periodically assess and explain what I was doing. I was also able to receive feedback and use their advice and questions to think more critically about what I was doing and then apply necessary changes.
- It was difficult to make a presentation in 20 minutes. I was happy if I could get some advice on how to improve to make a better presentation either during or after the presentation. To listen to other people's presentation and to get actual handouts were very helpful to expand the teaching repertories.



3. How do you feel of a monthly workshop? Did you learn any good ideas from the instructor? Which one(s) did you like the best? What kinds of topics do you want for future workshops?

- I got lots of good ideas from workshops about vocabulary building, brain science and happiness research.
- I enjoyed all the workshops. Perhaps my favorites, only because they approached language teaching from a different perspective, were the ones on happiness and brain studies. I'd love to have a future workshop on motivation.
- I learned a lot of good ideas. Especially instruction of extensive reading was impressive for me.
- I want "How to analyze the qualitative data", "How to make 'Can-do statements'" in the future.

4. How can we improve this action research project? Please write your comment/advice.

- I'd like to learn more about how to make survey questions and how to analyze the data. Today I learned good examples of clear descriptions about survey questions.
- If we can use 'Power point (computer)' on the presentation, I think the listeners can understand the presentations better.
- I wonder if the basic frame of the reports could be more standardized – this may make them a bit more immediately accessible.
- In the monthly report session, I want to talk more about future plans to ask for advice.
- I think it can be improved by having presenters give their problems/concerns at the beginning of their presentation. For me, it helps concentrate my focus on how to help by asking relevant questions or giving helpful successions.



Thank you for your cooperation to NUFSS Workshop 2011. I hope you will also participate in NUFSS Workshop 2012.