

Discussion on Work-related Issues

Due to the interactive and user-specific nature of this workshop, participants are asked to bring up their current issues in the work place, so the handbook material may not be useful until completion of the workshop.

Common issues currently faced by ALTs and open to discussion during the workshop are as follows:

1. ALT being left in staffroom and not given extra tasks to do
2. ALT not being able to be creative in the classroom and only getting to read from the text book
3. ALT being given too many tasks and having to visit many schools
4. ALT are given too many responsibilities in an untimely manner
5. Balancing ALT expectations at your base and visiting schools
6. Atmosphere at school not being very friendly towards the ALT
7. ALT experiencing culture shock as the colder weather sets in
8. Managing side projects and requests from your teachers
9. Lesson plan ideas being shot down
10. Conflicts with JTEs and/or other teachers
11. ALT schedule being packed to the brim at visiting schools
12. Making exams and evaluations
13. Lack of communication between JTE or HRT and ALT
14. Teachers not taking the time to tell ALTs about lessons ahead of time
15. Little or no effort made to include ALT in activities.
16. Asking ALT to help with grading but giving no directives
17. Having the ALT prepare a lesson or activity and then telling them it's not what was asked for.
18. Having no enthusiasm in class (This can be for ALTs or JTE/HRT)
19. Not giving the ALT a schedule so they never know what they should be doing
20. How to approach teachers and ask about clubs and activities
21. How to get along with your co-workers
22. Asking teachers to point out which students may need a bit more help, or may be a problem in class.
23. Useful things to do when you don't have class
24. How to get involved in different classes.
25. And more...