

## Getting along in the workplace

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## Notes

- ▶ This is based on personal experience. Yours may be different
- ▶ I'd like to thank Katie Elliot, the City and Prefecture PA's for their help gathering info.
- ▶ Hopefully, this shouldn't be anything new.
- ▶ I hope to run this in an open floor format. ALT/Teacher input is welcome.
- ▶ Play nice.

## How to get along

- ▶ Smile.
- ▶ Google translate is your friend.
- ▶ Rely on the teachers if you don't understand.
- ▶ Be a part of the school community. Help out.
- ▶ Be outgoing.
- ▶ Smile.

## How to de-escalate conflicts

- ▶ Don't get into conflicts with your teachers.
- ▶ Talk any problems out with your teachers.
- ▶ Don't leapfrog your teachers.
- ▶ Use your support networks.

## How not to get killed by your teachers Part 1

- ▶ You're not the GREATEST ALT EVER.
- ▶ However, you're not a tape recorder, or a clown.
- ▶ Take any chance you can to share anything about your country and culture.

## How not to get killed by your teachers Part 2

- ▶ Playing games works well at ES, not so much at Junior High.
- ▶ Worksheets and riddles relating to the current topic can work well at the Junior High level.
- ▶ Rules and expectations can be quite different from those in our own countries.
- ▶ Make yourself busy. If you have nothing to do, try to make yourself useful.

### *How not to confuse your ALT*

- ▶ ALT's are friendly, but require direction.
- ▶ Please give us feedback. It helps us improve.
- ▶ ALT's like to ask "why?" a lot.
- ▶ Please tell new ALT's what to do if they look lost.

### Group discussions and Open floor