

# WRITING PORTFOLIO

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# CORRECTION SYMBOLS

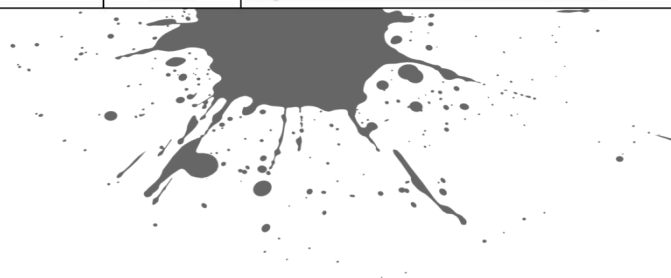
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## INCORRECT SENTENCE

## CORRECT SENTENCE

1.	Im happy youre here	p	I'm happy you're here.
2.	i love english.	cap	I love English.
3.	When did you up this morning?	^	When did you get up this morning?
4.	I rike cats.	sp	I like cats.
5.	My birthday is on June.	prep	My birthday is in June.
6.	He likes play tennis.	wf	He likes playing tennis.
7.	I love chocolate. I don't like white chocolate.	con	I love chocolate, but I don't like...
8.	Shibuya is fun and I often go to Shibuya.	rep	Shibuya is fun and I often go there.
9.	I buy a new shirt yesterday.	vt	I bought a new shirt yesterday.
10.	He go to university on Saturday.	s/v	He goes to university on Saturday.
11.	I went to Disneyland with all my friend.	pl	I went to Disneyland with all my friends.
12.	I visited to my grandparents.	X	I visited my grandparents.
13.	She name is Michelle.	pron	Her name is Michelle.
14.	I live in theTokyo.	art.	I live in Tokyo.
15.	My father every day beer drinks.	wo	My father drinks beer every day.
16.	I work on Sun day.	⌋	I work on Sunday.
17.	My favourite dish is watermelon.	ww	My favourite food is watermelon.



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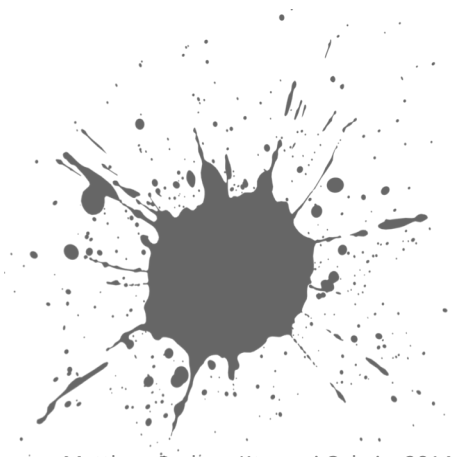
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WRITING 1B

## PORTFOLIO ENTRY #1

*Choose one topic and write about it. Be sure to use complete sentences and use paragraph style.*

- A. What did you do over summer break? Where did you go? Who did you go with? What was your best memory?
- B. What do you wish you did over summer break? What plans would you have made if you could have done anything? Where would you have gone? Who would you want to go with?
- C. Is it better to work during summer break or have a lot of free time? Give reasons for your answer.



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## REWRITE #2

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## PORTFOLIO ENTRY #2

- A. Do you think professional athletes receive too much money? Why or why not?
- B. A year of high school in America lasts from September to May with a 3-month summer, while a Japanese school year starts in April and ends in March. Which do you prefer, starting school in September or in April?
- C. Have you ever had an argument with your parents? Write about a time when you disagreed with an older family member. What was the argument about? What happened? In the end, did you win the argument?



# REWRITE #3

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# PORTFOLIO ENTRY #3

Answer the questions below in complete sentences. When you finish, combine your sentences into a paragraph below.

1. Do you think Japan should allow more immigrants into the country? Why or why not?

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2. Why do you believe your opinion? Give 3 reasons why or why not Japan should allow more immigrants. Also, provide support for each reason.

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3. Your friend disagrees with you! What might your friend say? (Give one reason AGAINST your own opinion.)

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「反対意見」 \_\_\_\_\_

4. How would you reply to your friend in #3? (Tell why the opposite opinion is weak or not good? はんろん 「反論する」)

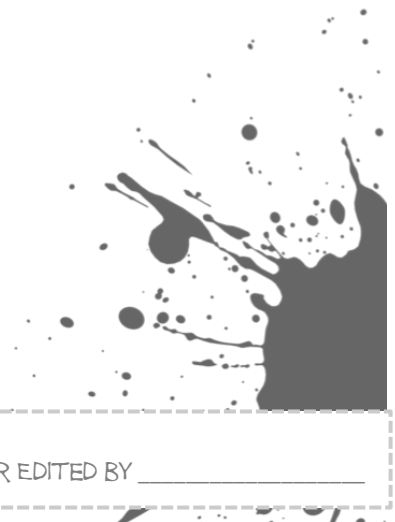
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5. Overall, what is your main opinion again? (RESTATE your original opinion from #1)

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## PORTFOLIO ENTRY #4 (100 WORDS)

- A. Have you heard of “herbivore men”? Herbivore men (草食(系)男子, *Sōshoku(-kei) danshi*) or grass-eaters are a social phenomenon in Japan of men who shun marriage or gaining a girlfriend. What is your opinion about them? Have Japanese men changed over time? Give three reasons for your opinion.
- B. J-pop and *Enka* are the major types of music genres in Japan. Which genre do you think better represents Japanese culture? What are three reasons for your opinion?

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## PORTFOLIO ENTRY #5 (100 WORDS)

**FREEWriting.** Write a paragraph about any topic that you want.

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## REWRITE #6

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## PORTFOLIO ENTRY #6 (150 WORDS)

- A. What is the best age to get married? Do you think that there is a different standard for men and women? Has the average age of marriage in Japan changed over time? What do you think about it and what age do you think you will get married? Why? (If you don't think about marriage or don't want to get married, please tell why?) *(Give three reasons for your opinion.)*
- B. Same-sex marriage is a controversial topic around the world. While gay couples can get married in England, Canada, most of Europe, and some states in America, other countries forbid gay marriage and even punish or kill gay people. First, what is same-sex marriage? Do you agree or disagree with it? Should same-sex marriage be allowed in Japan? *(Give three reasons for your opinion.)*

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## PORTFOLIO ENTRY #7 (100 WORDS)

*Choose one topic and write a paragraph. Use the topic as your first sentence. Give three causes OR effects for the topic that you choose.*

- A. Smart phones have had several important effects on society.
- B. The typhoon caused several problems in our town.
- C. American culture has spread around the world. There are many causes for this.

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## PORTFOLIO ENTRY #8 (100 WORDS)

**FREEWriting!**

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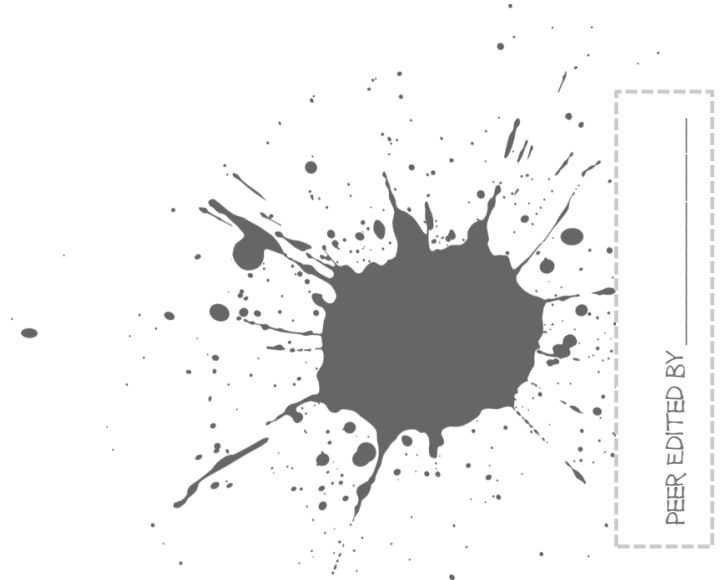
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## PORTFOLIO ENTRY #9 (200 WORDS)

- A. Bullying is a serious problem in Japan. Sometimes it leads to depression and sometimes it leads to suicide. First, what is bullying? Have you seen or do you know examples of bullying from your school life? How does a person who is being bullied feel? Last, what are ways that we can stop bullying? (200 words)
- B. Have you ever bullied or helped friends bully someone? Why did you do it? What actions did you do? What did other people do when they saw the bullying happen? How do you think the bullied person felt? If you could apologize to that person, what would you say?



# REWRITE #10

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## PORTFOLIO ENTRY #10 (200 WORDS)

*Complete the sentence and write a paragraph about the topic. Tell me as much information about the topic as you know.*

### **Unique and Mysterious Japan**

“Japan has many unique points. It is an ancient country with a unique culture. There is one part of Japanese culture that is unknown and very mysterious to foreigners. This part of Japanese culture is called \_\_\_\_\_ in Japanese. In English, it means \_\_\_\_\_.”

*[Rewrite the Introduction above]*



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## Unit Focus Chart

Unit	1A	1B	2A	2B
1	Punctuation. Run-on sentences. Sentence fragments. Missing Words.	Misplaced commas. Independent /dependent clauses. Comma splices.	Commas. "Because." Contractions. Sentence fragments.	Commas. "Because." Contractions. Sentence fragments.
2	Singular/plural nouns. Quantifier + s/es. Subject-verb agreement.	Irregular plural nouns. Common mistakes with nouns.	Irregular singular and plural nouns. Subject-verb agreement.	Singular/plural nouns. Subject-verb agreement.
3	Word choice. Word form.	Word choice. Word form. Articles (a, an, the)	Word choice. Word form. Word order.	Word choice. Word form. Infinitives vs. Gerunds
4	Pronoun agreement. Verb tense (simple past, present, future)	Verb tense (present vs. present continuous).	Pronoun agreement. Articles (a, an, the).	Verb tense (passive). Irregular verb forms.
5	Prepositions (location /transportation).	Review of all editing symbols.	Verb tense (irregular). Prepositions (time).	Review of all editing symbols.

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**A. Sentence Activity**

Correct the sentences below. Underline and place correction symbols above each mistake. Use the correction symbols in the box to the right. Symbols may be used more than once.



1. Its not polite to eat with your mouth open. (1 mistake)
2. Because it's a holiday, she will go to the bakery get a haircut and go to the park. (2 mistakes)
3. The dog played with it's toys all morning. For example, a ball and a rope. (3 mistakes)
4. I often like to read at a café. Because its quiet and the atmosphere is comfortable. (4 mistakes)
5. Second Asuka loves to go to the park because she can run free, and play on the swing set. (2 mistakes)

**B. Paragraph Editing** (10 mistakes)

Correct the paragraph below. First, underline and place correction symbols above the mistakes, then rewrite the paragraph to correct any mistakes. Use the correction symbols in the box to the right. Symbols may be used more than once.



Daisuke has been applying for full-time jobs in Osaka, and Kyoto. Last week, he received a call from a computer company in tokyo. They asked Daisuke to fry to Tokyo for a job interview. Daisuke agreed to go to the interview. Because the company offered to pay for Daisuke's airplane ticket. Since then, Daisuke has been busy collecting informaton about the company. Next he also went shopping for a new suite. Also, Daisuke has been rehearsing for the interview, because he wants to do his best, impress the company and get a job. Hes looking forward to working at a new place.

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**FOCUS: Irregular plural nouns. Common mistakes with nouns.****A. Sentence Activity**

Correct the sentences below. Fill in the blanks with the singular or plural nouns and the correct verb agreement.

1. The animals ( **was / were** ) taken to the farm in two ( **vehicle / vehicles** ).
2. In the summer, I love eating ( **fruit / fruits** ), but in the winter I prefer ( **vegetable / vegetables** ).
3. I must win two ( **match / matches** ) before I can get a trophy.
4. Three years ( **is / are** ) a long time to not buy new ( **cloths / clothes** ).
5. She ( **like / likes** ) Aoto and Mari. They are very generous ( **person / persons / people** ).

**B. Paragraph Editing (12 mistakes)**

Correct the paragraph below. First, underline and place correction symbols above the mistakes, then rewrite the paragraph to correct any mistakes. Use the correction symbols in the box to the right. Symbols may be used more than once.

s/v s/pl sp p cap C

Since I was a little girl, I have always loved science-fiction movie. There are several reason that I likes them. First I have always been interested in the future. I love to imagine what the future will be like. Will it be a wonderful utopia or a nightmare filled with scary alien? My second reason is, because I love technologies. Sci-fi is full of robots, spaceships, and computer. Finally, I think sci-fi is great because it is full of imagination. Of course, all movies and TV shows is creative. But I love seeing lives and worlds that only ekzist in the imagination. To me, science-fiction is the best movie genre.



## FOCUS: Word choice. Word form. Articles (a, an, the)

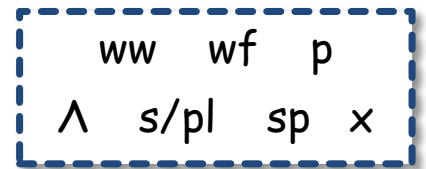
## A. Sentence Activity

Correct the sentences below. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences OR correct the underlined words.

1. I like to walking in the park because it helps me clear my mind. ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
2. The ( **scary** / **scared** ) part of the ride ( **scary** / **scared** ) all the children at the party.
3. My friends and I love ride the roller coasters at the theme park. ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
4. The students were ( **exited** / **exciting** ) about the ( **interested** / **interesting** ) events at the festival.
5. Eat onions, to watching scary movies, and bugs are the things I hate. ( \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ )

## B. Paragraph Editing (10 mistakes)

Correct the paragraph below. First, underline and place correction symbols above the mistakes, then rewrite the paragraph to correct any mistakes. Use the correction symbols in the box to the right. Symbols may be used more than once.



I have travelled to many interested countries around the world. While all of them are exciting to visit, I have three favorite country. The first country, is Thailand. It is one of my favorites because of the beaches and the mountains. I like to swimming at the beach and ride elephants in the mountains. Besides Thailand I also like India. The food in India is my favorite cuisine. Everything is dericious, for example, the curries, the breads, and the yogurt lassies. Last, I love go to Jordan. Besides the nature and the food, I am amazing at the landmarks and the desserts. Petra is my favorite World Heritage Site. That is why I love Thailand, India, and Jordan.

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## FOCUS: Verb tense (present vs. present continuous)

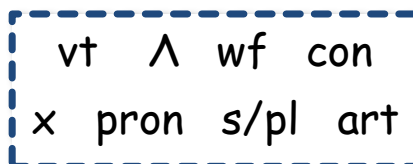
## A. Sentence Activity

Correct the sentences below. Write the correct form of the verb in the blanks to complete the sentences.

- The house \_\_\_\_\_ 100 years ago. (build)
- After all the goals \_\_\_\_\_, the game was \_\_\_\_\_. (miss, lose)
- Hundreds of languages \_\_\_\_\_ at the United Nations every day. (speak)
- You can't enter now; the office \_\_\_\_\_ at the moment. (clean)
- Don't worry about the money, the car \_\_\_\_\_ now. (sell)
- My favorite coffee cup \_\_\_\_\_ by the dog yesterday. (broke)

## B. Paragraph Editing (11 mistakes)

Correct the paragraph below. First, underline and place correction symbols above the mistakes, then rewrite the paragraph to correct any mistakes. Use the correction symbols in the box to the right. Symbols may be used more than once.



The best experience of my life happen last summer. For three months, I studied abroad in Florida, U.S.A. I really had a great time in Florida, I did many amazed things. One of the thing I did was to swimming with dolphins. It was very cute. Next, I really enjoyed my host family. A family consisted of a father, a mother, and two twin girls. My breakfast and dinner maked everyday by father. Everyone were so kind. Another good experience was seeing the original Florida State Capitol Building. It was build in 1845. Overall, I had a great time in Florida.

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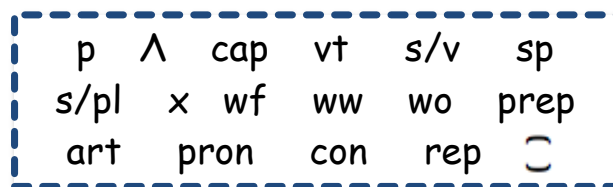
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**FOCUS: Review of all the symbols**

Correct the paragraphs below. First, underline and place correction symbols above the mistakes, then correct the mistakes. Use any of the correction symbols in the box to the right. Some symbols may be used more than once or not at all.

**A. Paragraph 1** (15 mistakes)

My trip to the United States were big shock. One day, my mother said, "Go and pack your cloths. We are going to New York tomorrow, and they are going to live there." The news was a complete surprise to me. I went to my room and sit on the bed for a long time. After that I called my best friend and telled him a news. The next morning, my mother and I got on a airplane in eight 0'clock. I remember sitting next to the window, and looking down on my City. I was scared. Because I didn't know my future. My life charged overnight. I never forget that trip.

**B. Paragraph 2** (14 mistakes)

In my opinion, violent video games is harmful to young children. First studies show that playing these games cause changes in the behavior of young people. According to researchers, playing these games after, young people have more more angry feelings. In addition, players get into fights at school. Players have arguments with they teachers. Second reason is that violent video games make young people less sensitive too violence in the world. I beleive that games make it entertaining to shoot and kill. Childs may forget the line between fantasy and reality. Lastly, these types of games teach children that it is ok to use vilence to solve their problem. Violence is never the solution. Therefore, violent games are not for young people, and it should be banned.



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