

JONATHAN M. WALLER

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Jonathan is a friendly, enthusiastic guy who likes teaching. He is well-organised and presentable, works well with others and has a bright, uncomplicated character.

EXPERIENCE

Sep 2008 - Ongoing
Heart Corporation - Assistant Language Teacher Dispatch Company

ALT - Assistant Language Teacher

Toda Junior High School, Toda, Saitama, Japan (戸田市立戸田中学校)

Kawagoe Girls' High School, Kawagoe, Saitama, Japan (川越女子高等学校)

Kawagoe Hatsukari High School, Kawagoe, Saitama, Japan (川越初雁高等学校)

Kawagoe West High School, Kawagoe, Saitama, Japan (川越西高等学校) - One-off lesson

Kawagoe Terao Junior High School, Kawagoe, Saitama, Japan (川越寺尾中高等学校) - One-off lesson

- Planned and enthusiastically presented interesting and varied lessons on a variety of topics.
- Assisted Japanese Teacher of English with class reading, marking and grammar questions.
- Played a key role for English speech competitions, English clubs and English presentation study groups.
- Added a "native-perspective" on otherwise dry topics, using extensive resources taken from my own country and life experiences.
- Discovered how great teaching can be. Had a lot of fun and got on well with other staff.

July 2008 - Sep 2008
IHCWay, Tokyo, Japan

1 to 1 Private English Lesson Teacher

- Planned and taught lessons based on students weaknesses, and requested topics.
- Marked homework and researched new resources to better fit students needs.
- Taught, in English, beginner-level students to advanced students with extensive vocabulary and an american accent.
- Taught pronunciation using exaggeration and drawings of tongue position. Much improvement.
- Received unsolicited written feedback such as "Your explanations are useful and easy to understand", "You're the best teacher" and "I've really enjoyed studying with you"

Apr 2008 - Aug 2008
Tsuchiya Eye Clinic, Tsunashima, Japan (土屋眼科医院)

Part Time - Receptionist and English Language Assistant

- Performed reception duties and assisted the doctor during examinations.
- Provided information in English to visiting English speaking patients.
- Created English versions of much of the pre-existing information pamphlets and forms.

Nov 2007 - Mar 2008
Kurashi Gakkou, Okazaki, Japan (くらし学校)

Part Time - 1 to 1 Private English Lesson Teacher

- Planned and provided interesting lessons based around a student's requests.
- Created class materials and tried a variety of teaching styles.
- Used situations and role play to provide context and foster a more enjoyable learning atmosphere.

Jan 2006 - Sept 2007
PHWT, Clerkenwell, London

.NET Developer

- Created and maintained high-traffic content managed intranet and Internet sites for clients including George Wimpey, Laing Homes, Mazda, Jaguar and Land Rover.

July 2005 - Jan 2006
AceMarine Ltd, Fife, Scotland

Freelance Developer

- 3D simulation for novel hydrofoil design. Corresponded with customer by phone, e-mail and on-site visits.

Aug 2005 - Oct 2005
Freyer Recruitment, Kent

Software Developer / Web Programmer

- Worked on heuristic web-based CV-matching package for job applicants and recruitment consultants. Over 130,000 users.

EDUCATION

Oct 2007 -
Mar 2008

The Yamasa Institute, Okazaki, Japan

Advanced Intensive Japanese Programme

- Followed a balanced course practising reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- Took optional units to prepare for level 2 of the JLPT.

Oct 2006

i-to-i, Regent's Park, London

TEFL Plus - 40 hour English teaching certificate

- Included a 20 hour grammar study course and 20 hours of supervised teaching practice.
- Learnt about various kind of lesson structure, student-centred learning, and techniques to engage learners.
- Taught individually and worked in groups to plan and provide lessons. One commended as a "model lesson".
- Had a great time and met some wonderful people. Would like to teach more.

2004 - 2005

The University of Manchester

MSc Advanced Computer Science with ICT Management

- Final Project: Modular visualisation and analysis tool for tool for Atomic Force Microscopy.
- Led group of five through intensive week-long development of eBay-style book trading web application. Discovered teamwork is more than dividing work, but can be a remarkable force if done right.

2001 - 2004

The University of Reading

BSc Computer Science - 2.1 Achieved

- Final Project: Multi platform OpenGL Online Collaborative Environment.
- Developed teamwork and project management skills.

1994-2001

Beacon Community College, Crowborough

2001

A-Levels: Computer Science (A), Modular Physics (C), Maths (C), Further Maths-AS (C), General Studies (D)

1999

GCSEs: 11 Subjects (1 x A*, 2 x A, 3 x B, 3 x C)
(Inc. English, Maths and Science)

LANGUAGES

- English - Native speaker. I have a clear British-English accent and a good command of English grammar and spelling. I enjoy explaining English usage through examples and activities, and I believe English study becomes more enjoyable when students can see the context of how a particular word or grammar point is used in the real world.
- Japanese - Post-GCSE; enthusiastically working towards JLPT 2 (Business fluency). I passed JLPT 3 (Conversational) in 2006.

Key Skills:

Children

I interact well with children, and find them great fun to talk to. In the UK, I was a regular babysitter for a few families. At Reading University during the summer holidays, I worked as a student helper for a group of Italian study-abroad students aged between 14 and 16.

Japanese /
English
exchange

Over the university summer holidays, I ran a Japanese/English study group in Manchester where Japanese and English people exchanged languages by asking questions and playing games to improve proficiency. While I was living in London, twice a week I took part in language exchanges with Japanese people. It was here I really learnt I like breaking down English, figuring out how it works and explaining it in an accessible way to people with English as a second language. When talking, I have an awareness of my own word usage and speed and can adapt to be understood by English learners of various levels.

Philosophy

Strong belief in the competency and motives of all. I enjoy the challenge of explaining otherwise confusing topics, in a clear and complete way. I'm not offended if you tell me I'm wrong, I want to improve.

INTERESTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Science

Fiction,

Fantasy and

Horror

Society

- Elected Vice President 2002 / Elected Secretary 2003
- Negotiated reduced membership rates for members to a large external Science Fiction society.
- Gained strong experience of working in a team through communication and persuasion.
- Contributed to marketing efforts, making SWAGA the 2nd largest Reading University society.

Open Source

Gesture

Recognition

Library

- Managed a geographically diverse team of five with many areas of talent.
- Focused the team members towards a common vision.
- Managed quality control and deadlines in a tactful but effective way.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Skiing, Making Websites, Karaoke, Musicals, Cuning Technology.