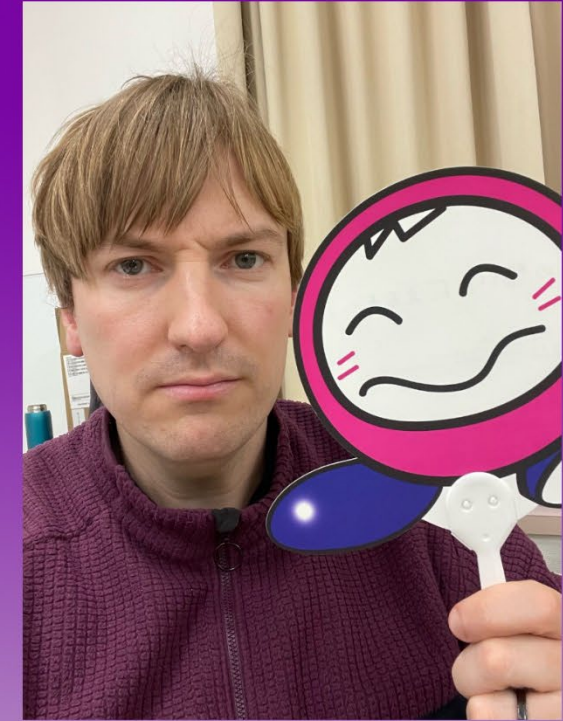


Phil's Corner

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The academic year has ended and hopefully the cold weather will soon too. 2023/24 was a great academic year for me as I had so many fantastic students in my classes. Plus, the students who came to ACE for Lunchtime English Cafe, ACE lessons and for EIKEN practice were equally as wonderful. I hope that everyone enjoys their well-earned vacation in February and March but I am already looking forward to the next academic year and the new semester starting in April!



Phil's Plans

Of course, I have a lot of work to do in preparation for the new academic year. I will also have more free time than usual over the next two months. I probably won't travel anywhere as I went to Okinawa at the end of December, but I hope to ride my new road bike A LOT! It's much lighter, faster and better than my old road bike (and much more expensive too). I plan on cycling to different areas within the Kansai region between February and April, mostly to the mountains so I hope that the weather won't be too bad!



Study Tip - Goal Setting

Create both big and small English language goals for yourself. Plan what you want to achieve in the next 6 months or a year (pass EIKEN or achieve a certain score for TOEIC), and also set smaller weekly goals (learn 20 new words). Celebrate small victories to stay motivated. Regularly review your goals to ensure you're on track, and adjust them if they seem unrealistic.