

Topic 7: Write about your school/work

I have several different jobs, **but** when people ask me what my profession is, I usually tell them that I am a ballet dancer. Even though I get paid little from dancing, I say that dancing is my main job because it is what I put ~~my~~ **the** most energy into. Unlike dance companies in Europe and North America, dance companies here in Japan do not get enough sponsors **or** ~~and~~ support from the government. Their budgets **are** ~~is~~ fairly small and **they** cannot really **afford** to pay dancers. So, Japanese dancers usually have to have ~~other~~ part-time jobs besides dancing. **In order** to make a living, **many**. ~~Many~~ of my friends who are ~~a~~ dancers **teach** ballet, **or** work at a restaurant or ~~a~~ grocery store every day after dance.

I dance ~~three~~ **3** to ~~six~~ **6** days a week, depending on if I have upcoming performances or not. I perform ~~four~~ **4** times a year on average, and for each production I rehearse for ~~3~~ **three** to ~~5~~ **five** months. I teach ballet three days a week at ~~3~~ **three** different dance studios, **as well**. I also work **in the office** of an English language school ~~office~~ twice a week as ~~a~~ support staff. **This** ~~which~~ is not related to dance, but is nice because I like children and I can sit **down** and work. When I am not dancing, I feel I need to rest my body, which gets pretty tired from dancing and teaching. I love dance but I do not want **to** fill my life 100% with **it** ~~dance~~, ~~i~~It is nice that this job gives me some connections with the world outside of dance. **I sometimes have translation work, too. I translate dance-related materials that are written in English to Japanese.** My only complaint is that it is hard to ~~put~~ **fit** several different jobs in my schedule without conflicting. Otherwise, I am very grateful that I can do what I have a passion for.

Comment [e1]: Because you are referring to dance companies in Japan, you need to use plural form.

Comment [e2]: In this case, dancers refers to friends, so it is plural

Comment [e3]: Typically, for numbers smaller than 10, spell out the number. For numbers larger than 10, you can use the numeral.

Comment [e4]: This sentence seems a little complicated to me, so I think it is better to split it into two.

Comment [e5]: These two sentences are fine, but might be better as one: "Sometimes I also have work translating dance-related materials written in English to Japanese."

Teacher's Comments: I really enjoyed reading your essay about a subject I know nothing about: the life of a ballet dancer, and more specifically the life of a ballet dancer in Japan. It was very well-written and informative. Sometimes, you have two or three different ideas in a sentence. You might try breaking them into two separate sentences. Great job on this essay and good luck pursuing your dream!

黒・・・生徒が書いた文章
取消線・・・先生が削除した文章
赤色・・・先生が追加した文章
青色・・・先生のアドバイス
緑・・・先生のコメント