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The Internet in School

I came to Japan 10 months ago. In America, I had a company that wrote "Official English" for foreign companies in Los Angeles. I used the internet to communicate with clients and associates, and do research. Now I am a High School English teacher in Japan, and want to show how the internet can help students.

American high school students learn to use the internet to do research. The internet has somewhat replaced the library. For example, there is the on-line encyclopedia, dictionary, and research from universities and governments. There is also current news, such as CNN, NBC, and NHK. A big strength of the internet is that it is always changing. Therefore news is current and "open 24 hours".

In our 3rd year International class, we did an internet research project. The students were happy with the results, and enjoyed using the internet. I think they learned more about finding information using the internet.

Sample project for 3I (third year students) of the international program

Project Title: "International Research Project using the Internet"

Purpose: To introduce students to internet research.

First, students are taught about basic computer and internet use. Then...

- 1 Go to YAHOO JAPAN.
- 2 Type in (search for) "MASS COMMUNICATION".
- 3 Find an article (abstract) about another country. Print.

Next, let's visit the Japanese government's "Ministry of Foreign Affairs" homepage.

In www window, type in the address: www.mofa.go.jp

- 1 At the M.O.F.A. homepage click on 日本語版 at the bottom of the page.
- 2 At the next page, click on 各国.
- 3 See map. Find country.

Present to the class, using information from M.O.F.A. and news. Describe the country, its size, history, current problems, important facts.