

Hi, Daito students. I am Haruko SANNOMIYA, a teacher educator and researcher in the field of English as a Foreign Language (EFL).

I have two major missions in Daito. First, I teach EFL to students who need/want to work on their basics. I hope all the students learn to enjoy exploring the wonder of language and use your target language to broaden your horizon. Second, I help teachers-to-be become better “learners of teaching”. If you are interested in teaching EFL, you will be taking a few of my classes, where you study very, very hard. Teaching is a super important profession that requires knowledge, skills, creativity, passion, and compassion. These qualities are high maintenance; if you fail to take care of them, they quickly disappear.

Over the last seven years, I have been fascinated by improvisational drama (Impro). In Impro, you act out a story while you make it on the spot, with no scenario or rehearsal. It is thrilling but fulfilling. Using Impro techniques, I develop EFL games and activities, which is my research project. Most of my former students enjoyed Impro and my games. I hope you try playing them with me while you are in Daito.

I would like to conclude this self-introduction, sending you this message: dear students, work well, and play well. Twenty some years ago, before I started my university, someone told me that in university I should play all the time. Now, I am sooooo glad that I decided not to trust his word before it was too late. To me, study and play are not two separate things; study is like play, and play is like study. I think some of you know what I am saying. Those who do not know will know with the help of your teachers and friends here in Daito.