

Speaking Lesson

Lesson 40: I majored in history

レッスン 40: 私の専攻科目は歴史でした

Target: Talking about skills, abilities and qualifications
 目的: スキルや能力、資格について話しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• apply for...	~に申し込む	• proficient at...	するのがうまい
• a position	職	• such as	例えば~など
• advertise...	広告をする	• a number of...	多数の
• a master's degree	修士学位	• in a team	チームで
• pass...	合格する	• a personality	性格
• leading	一流の	• excel at...	~を得意とする
• animation	アニメーション	• under pressure	プレッシャーをかけられて
• familiar with...	~をよく知っている	• under the gun	切羽詰って
• an operating system	基本ソフト	• a perfectionist	完璧主義者

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to apply for the position of design manager that you advertised on Gaijin Pot. I feel I'd be a great match for the position.

I specialize in graphic design and I have a masters in Art from UCLA. I have a TOEIC score of 980 and I have passed level 1 of both the Kanji Kentei and the JLPT. I have five years experience working at a leading design firm in Tokyo as a graphic designer and I also have experience working at an animation studio in Los Angeles.

I am familiar with Microsoft and Apple operating systems, as I have been using both operating systems for over 10 years. I also know how to use Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. And I am also fairly good at using Adobe Indesign, Premier and Fireworks. In addition, I am also proficient at using Web design software such as Dreamweaver and Flash. I have created a number of websites for clients over the years and I would be happy to send you the links if you are interested.

I am good at working in a team. I have been involved in a number of projects since I joined my current company and I have had to work with different people with different personalities, but I really enjoyed the experience. Also, I excel at working under pressure. At my last job, I frequently had to work under the gun, because of the numerous deadlines that I had to meet. Managing a large team is no problem for me. At my previous company, on multiple occasions I managed a team of over 10 people.

In regards to my weaknesses, most of my colleagues would say I sometimes work too hard and I can be a bit of a perfectionist sometimes.

Please find attached a copy of my resume and design portfolio.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Smith

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Answer the questions below

1. What Does Peter say to explain his graphic design skills?
2. What does he say to explain his PC skills? (OS)
3. What does he say to explain his PC skills? (Adobe 1)
4. What does he say to explain his PC skills? (Adobe 2)
5. What does he say to explain his PC skills? (Web)
6. What does he say to explain how he works under pressure?
7. What does he say to explain his skill of managing teams?
8. What does he say to explain his weaknesses?

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