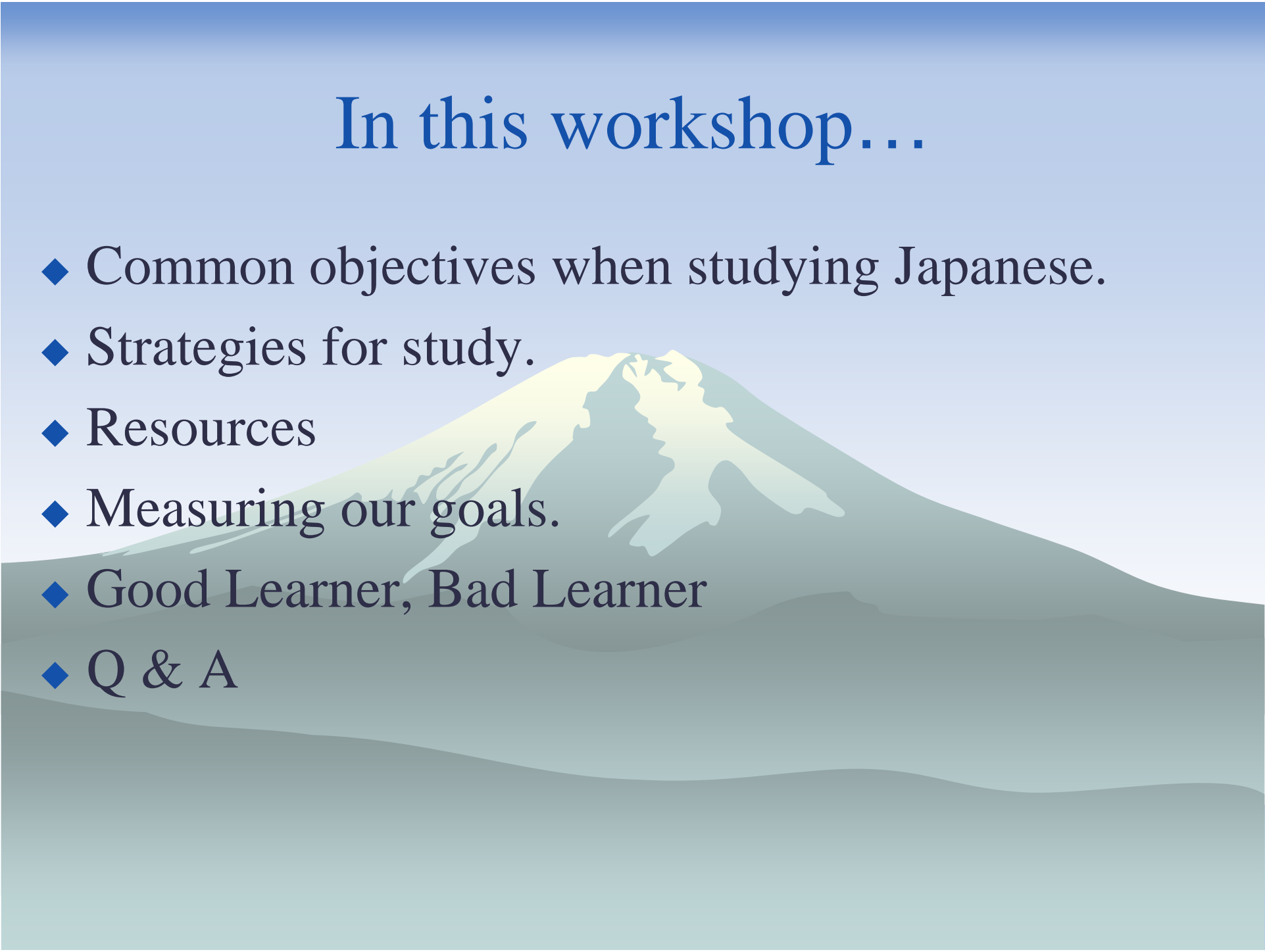




Independent Japanese Study

Beginners

In this workshop...

- ◆ Common objectives when studying Japanese.
 - ◆ Strategies for study.
 - ◆ Resources
 - ◆ Measuring our goals.
 - ◆ Good Learner, Bad Learner
 - ◆ Q & A
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Common Objectives



- ◆ Academic Study:

Eg: “I want to pass the JLPT!”

- ◆ Practical Study:

Eg: “ I want to ask that person where the bathroom is...”

Strategies for study



Identify your Objective



Identify your Level



Set your goals



Tailor your study to suit you!

Setting Goals



- ◆ Make your goals **REALISTIC!**
 - Plan out how to achieve them
- ◆ Have short-term and long-term goals.
 - Daily vs Weekly vs Monthly

Your own Habits

- ◆ What works for you?

Study at home vs study outside the home

Making flashcards vs making word lists

Short concentration vs long concentration

Resources

- ◆ Sort out what resources you need to achieve your goals:

Conversation

Grammar

Kanji

Reading and Writing

Resources?

- ◆ Resources for practical studies

- ◆ Test based resources

- ◆ Resources that are good for either

More Resources

- ◆ USE the Japanese that you are learning:

Conversation partners, reading manga, watching TV/movies

- ◆ Make some friends/do a language exchange.

- ◆ Use the resources around you:

Japanese teachers, CLAIR Japanese course, students, TV, movies, manga, international events, work parties (enkai), neighbours

Measuring Your Success!

- ◆ Academic:

Try Japanese proficiency tests

Try pre-testing for tests

Correspondence University/College Japanese language courses

Measuring Your Success

- ◆ Practical:

Can you have that conversation you wanted to?

Can you read that manga book you bought?

Try continual usage – using what you study shows what you know

Motivation



- ◆ Goals can help to motivate you, and can sometimes frustrate you.
- ◆ Make study interesting:
eg: If you are studying shopping, go shopping!
- ◆ Do a Japanese activity:
Karate, Ikebana, Taiko, Sports...anything!

Solutions to Frustration



- ◆ Vary your study habits:

Change study location, vary study method, change/reduce goals.

- ◆ If all else fails: take a break – and just use what you know!!

Jiko-shokai

- ◆ Hajimemashite.
- ◆ (Your name) desu.
- ◆ (Your country) kara kimashita.
- ◆ (Hobbies) ga shumi/kyomi desu.
- ◆ (Douzo) Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.
- ◆ Also look at your JET Diary pg: 241.