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General Information

This *Kyoto JALT Review* is an annual online journal hosted at www.kyotojalt.org that aims to publish articles related to language teaching and/or learning. The overarching theme for these articles is a focus on practical research that language teachers or learners can truly utilize to improve language learning efficiency. It aims to strike an optimum balance between practicality of results and empirical methodologies. The journal relies on anonymous peer review for vetting and proofreading, aims to publish 5 articles per issue, and currently only accepts manuscripts in English.

Submission Guidelines

The *Kyoto JALT Review* is open to any submissions related to language learning. Articles addressing issues for Japanese learners or teachers in Japan are given preference. There is no need to be a JALT member to submit an article.

Articles should aim to conduct research that answers a question of which the answer is actually unknown. An elegantly written paper that utilized a flawless empirical method may be rejected if it answers a self-evident question.

Authors should submit articles that use sound research methods to answer difficult questions related to language learners. These research papers should produce results that teachers or students in the classroom can utilize to improve language learning efficiency. Practicality of research results is crucial. This does not mean that the journal aims to publish game ideas, for example, but rather means that prospective manuscripts should employ empirical methods and address research topics deeply with respect to previous research, while aiming towards producing practical, useable results.

Readability for our generalist audience is crucial. Authors should avoid using jargon, overly formal language, and/or buzzwords unnecessarily. Please use them only when appropriate.

Articles should be written in a manner appropriate for publication in a scholarly journal. The *APA Publication Manual's 6th Edition* must be followed in regards to formatting and referencing.

Articles must be from 3,000 to 5,000 words in length, excluding the abstract, figures/tables, and works cited pages. A4 (8.5" X 11") portrait layout, Times New Roman 12-point font, 1.5 line spacing, and bottom centered page numbers must be used. Do not use running heads.

Special care must be taken when formatting tables/figures. Data should not be imported directly from Excel, but should rather follow APA guidelines in regards to the formatting of tables/figures. To avoid formatting problems, authors should type line breaks using the underscore key instead of creating tables inside of a Word document, and separate data using the space bar/tab key.

Articles should have an appropriate amount of references for scholarly research. Opinion pieces with little or no references will be rejected. Book reviews are also unacceptable. Reaction pieces may be considered, but only if they conform to the stipulated guidelines.

It is highly recommended that prospective authors have their manuscripts proofread by at least one other person prior to submission. Non-native English speakers should ask a native speaker to proofread when appropriate. The purpose of peer review is not to correct excessive grammar mistakes, misspellings, or poor writing in general and such papers will be rejected without going to review.

Articles should not have been previously published or be under consideration for publication elsewhere. The *Kyoto JALT Review* gains publication rights for all articles published, and reserves the right to edit and utilize their contents without prior notification to authors.

Guidelines, publish dates, etc. are subject to change due to unforeseen problems.

Submission Procedure

Please submit separate files saved in MS Word for the following:

1. A 200 word abstract
2. A 50 word author biographical sketch
3. The manuscript itself, with no reference to the author.

The above should be submitted to:

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