

## Doshisha University

### 2013 Report on the Individual Research Allowance – Research Progress and Results

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Research Topic	Teaching English as a Foreign Language	
Summary of Research Results	<p>My research in 2013 continued in two areas in the TEFL/TESOL field: English composition and culture in language education. For composition, I analyzed the results of an extensive study into peer review use in the EFL classroom. Previously, I had conducted a counter-balance design study involving students evaluating one another's written output using four different types of feedback. At the end of these sessions, students then responded to each treatment through the use of survey instrument. This year, I continued to analyzed results from this survey, as well as the compositions themselves, using statistical procedures and qualitative coding in order to better understand the learners' reaction to, and engagement in, peer review. Results are expected to be published in 2014.</p> <p>My focus on the role of culture in language education involved finding activities that successfully integrate these two concepts in order to broaden learners' understanding of culture, it being essential to improving communicative skills. With a colleague, I carried out three culture-centric language learning tasks and then asked learners to respond to each of them using a reaction survey. Results from this study were presented at conferences in Japan, the U.S., and Turkey in 2012-13. In addition, details of the culture tasks were published in <i>English Teaching Forum</i> journal.</p>	