

**English  
outside  
the  
Classroom!**

**English Club**

Many SHS and some JHS have an English Club. Often, the ALT is expected to join and lead the club after school, usually once a week (but maybe more!). Possible activities include board games, party games, cultural presentations, watching movies and discussions on simple topics. Groups range in size and level so activities that everyone can enjoy are good!

**English Camp**

You may be asked to take part in an English Camp, usually in the summer. These encourage students to practise English in a fun setting and introduces them to ALTs home cultures.

**Correspondance  
Activities**

Out of class optional activities such as writing short letters or a diary for you to read and respond to focuses on communication rather than getting everything grammatically correct. It makes English more fun and helps you get to know your students better.

**English Board**

Lots of JHS have English boards for ALTs to decorate, usually with whatever you like! This can be useful for cultural exchange and to get students interested in English outside of the lesson context. Successful ones are colourful, interactive and topical with lots of pictures! Topics include holidays and events in your home country, jokes, music and films. They are usually updated every month or so.

**Eikaiwa**

You may find yourself in charge of an eikaiwa club. It is important here to know the goals of the group and structure classes around this. It might be things such as grammar, reading, general conversation, travel abroad situations or something else! This can also be a good place to try out activities you may want to use at school.

## EIKEN

EIKEN is the English proficiency test held 3 times per year. It consists of a paper test and interview. Students in JHS and SHS take these tests so you might be asked to help coach students, especially for the interview.

## Greetings!

Even a simple "good morning" or "hello" in the hall can get students more used to speaking with you in a less formal setting. Encouraging simple conversations show the real life application of English and is a good way to get to know your students better!

Where English becomes FUN!

## Speech

Speech contests involve students reciting a set speech or making their own. They are evaluated on points such as pronunciation, voice, gestures, intonation and content. Practising pronunciation and delivery and recording yourself for them to listen to is helpful.

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## Skit

Last year was the first prefectural SHS skit contest. Students from all over the prefecture performed their skits based around a common topic.

## Contests

There are a range of English based contests in the prefecture throughout the year. Participating students may need help correcting their English and practising outside of lesson time.

## Debate

Academic high schools take part in the Prefectural debate contest. The subject is usually challenging and teams will require a lot of coaching, even if you don't know anything about debate!