



English outside the Classroom

Using English outside the classroom shows an actual use of a foreign language. Real life application is the key to consolidation. And that's what you want. You want your kids to be able to understand and to express themselves in a foreign language.

Your role as an ALT or even a CIR is to teach people about your culture and your language. Not all of you may be able to speak Japanese which can make conversations tricky at times. Some might insist on exposing children and adults to as much English as possible. Either is fine. All you need to remember is to remain considerate of yourself and others. Don't force the interaction, entice it.

There are many ways in which you can integrate English into different parts of your life in Japan.

- An English board
- Pen pals
- Eikaiwa
- Simple conversations
- Joining club activities
- Joining your schools English club
- And lastly volunteering for all sorts of events

Japanese people especially children are incredibly curious and most want to know as much as possible about you, your country and your culture. Share your experiences with them and show the same interest in their language and culture as they do yours.

