

Preparing for the Eiken



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Changes in MEXT policy



- Emphasis on Eiken qualification for university admissions
- New national university admission test, different methods of testing English
- Helping students to tackle these new challenges

Motivating and Evaluating Students

- Students who want to attend university may be required to have Eiken certification
- Eiken practice is a good way to show students how their English skills are improving
- Some ways to determine what level of Eiken is appropriate:
 - Short practice test
 - Teacher assessment based on class content

New Speaking and Writing Tests

- Students taking the 5th and 4th grade tests can also do a speaking when taking the test online
- The Eiken test will also be adding a short writing section for 3rd grade and above



Daily or Whole Lesson Prep

- Teachers who wish to incorporate short, regular Eiken practice into their lessons can use practice questions as warm-up
- If the school schedule and time permit, whole lessons answering sample questions or doing mock interviews as a class are great

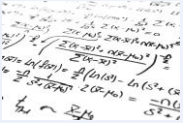
First and Second Exams

- JTEs are more equipped to help students with the first test (the written test with grammar and vocabulary)
- ALTs can be excellent mock judges for the second test (interview test)



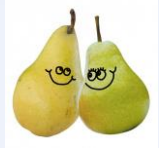
Understanding the Eiken Formula

- The interview test for Eiken has a set pattern
- When preparing students to take the interview test, show them the pattern and how to answer it appropriately
- Show students common mistakes and how to correct them



Preparing in Large Groups

- Test prep is usually done in a single class, but it is also possible to prepare in large groups
- Students should work in pairs or teams of three
- Practice answering questions, following up with extra information



Let's Try!

- JTEs should find an ALT partner (or two) and make a team.
- The JTE will choose which level of interview test they want to practice and have the ALT administer the test.
- When the interview is over, the ALT should provide constructive feedback