

# English Education in Japan and Our Narrowing Future

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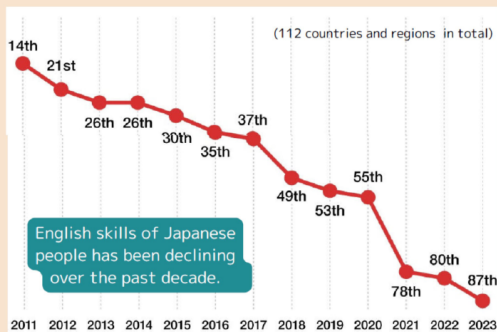
## Introduction

Why is gaining English skills necessary?

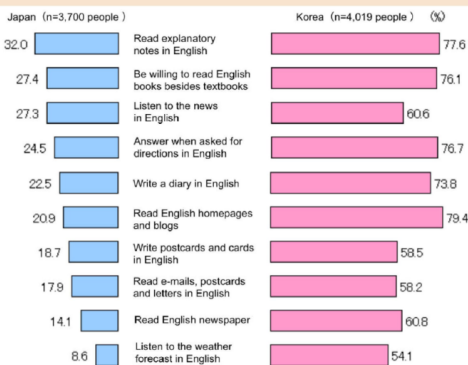
→ English is a key to our future career and Japan's expansion into the world.

## Current Situations

English Proficiency Ranking of Japan



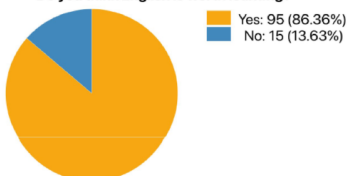
When did you get in touch with English in daily lives?



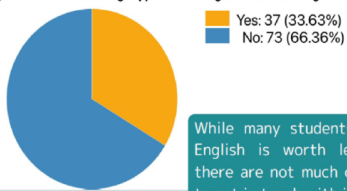
## Research 1

**subject :** Joto High School students (110 people in total)  
**purpose :** to clarify that students actually lack opportunities to output their English skills

Do you think English is worth learning?



Do you think there are enough opportunities to get in touch with English?



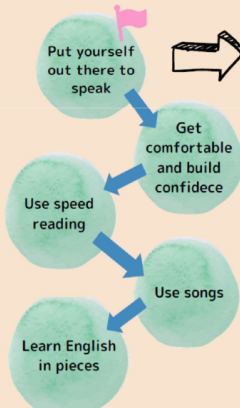
While many students think English is worth learning, there are not much chances to get in touch with it.

As a whole, Koreans have much more opportunities to output their English skills. While they are actively involved in English, Japanese people are hardly involved. Thus, the lack opportunities may be causing the low English proficiency of Japanese people.

## Research 2

### What if we provide an opportunity?

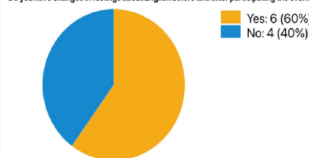
#### 5 STEPS to English Fluency



After Research 1, we came up with 5 steps that can lead us to improve English proficiency. So far, we have provided an opportunity for students to accomplish the very first step.

**subject :** Joto High School Students (10 people)  
**content :** pick a topic and chat freely in groups  
**purpose :** to change students' minds about English and foster positive attitudes toward English

Do you have changes in feelings about English before and after participating the event?



It is clear that more than half of the students' minds changed through the event. In addition, many positive feedbacks came back such as, "I became more motivated to speak English."

## Conclusion & Aspiration

More opportunities need to be provided so people can get in touch with English more and improve their English proficiency. In our school, we plan to hold many more kinds of English events in the near future and provide it to more students. We will continue with the 5 steps, and we hope to make English more fun and approachable for Joto High School students.

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