



# The effects of early childhood English education on subsequent English proficiency and future career visions

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## Introduction

### < Aim >

To find out the **impact of early English learning** on English language skills & future career visions

### < Background >

- Request from the Japan Business Federation to develop “**global human resources**”<sup>\*1</sup>
- Reform of English education in Japan<sup>\*2</sup>



## Summary

### < Conclusion >

Early English education **increased** the number of students

- who **like English**
- who are **better at listening**
- who have **higher-level English certificate**
- who have eagerness to **work overseas** and **collaborate with foreigners** in the future

### < Further prospectives >

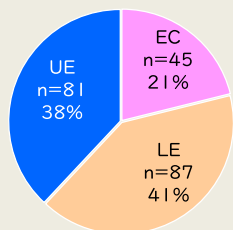
? The impact on...

- preference for Math & Science
- interest in learning other languages

## Methods

### < Questionnaire survey >

Total 213 students in Okayama Gakugeikan High School



Start of English learning  
EC: Early Childhood  
LE: Lower Elementary  
UE: Upper Elementary

### < Questions >

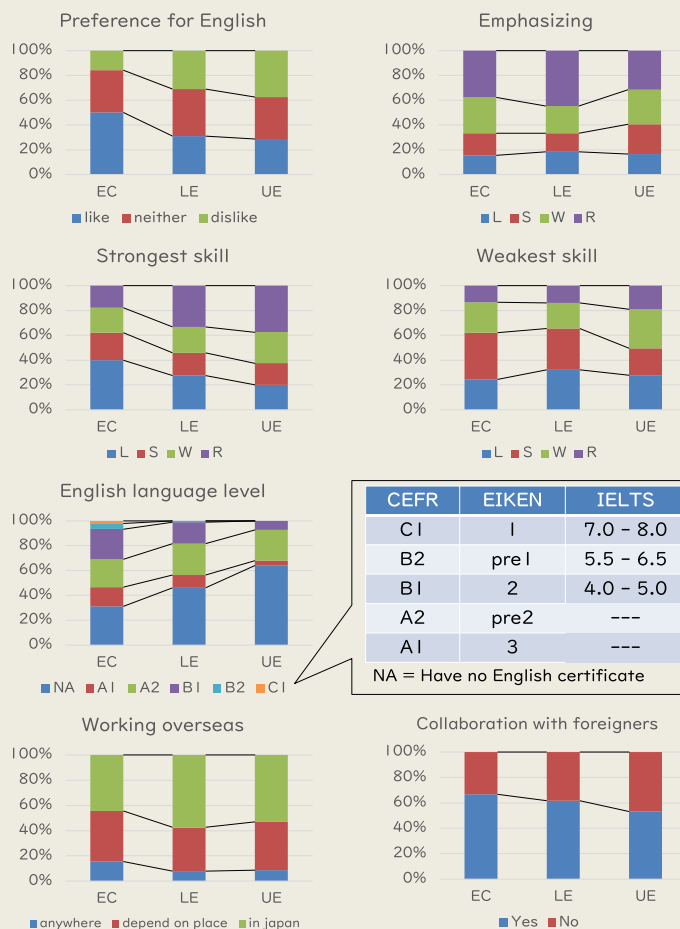
About English proficiency

- Preference for English
- Most emphasizing skill of the four (L, S, W and R)
- Strongest skill of the four
- Weakest skill of the four
- English language level based on CEFR

About future career vision

- Eagerness to work overseas in the future
- Eagerness to collaborate with foreigners in the future

## Results



## Citations

<sup>\*1</sup> Japan Business Federation (2011) Suggestions on developing global human resources.

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