



# Goeigo Mission School 英検スピーキングコース2級

STUDENT MANUAL

# Eiken Grade 2 Interview Test

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# Lesson 1

## Introduction and Passage Reading



Worksheet | **Introduction**



Try to answer as many questions as you can. Ask your classmates the questions.

Q1:	What is your name?
Q2:	How do your friends call you (nickname)?
Q3:	Which school do you go to?
Q4:	What are your hobbies?
Q5:	Do you have a pet? What do you have?
Q6:	How many people in your family?
Q7:	Which country do you want to visit? Why?
Q8:	Do you like English? Why or why not?
Q9:	Why did you decide to take the Eiken Grade 2 test?
Q10:	What do you want to do in the future? Why?

Worksheet | **Reading Passage**

## Passage No.1: Alternative Energy Source

Our life depends heavily on electricity. In the recent years, many researchers have been discussing the importance of finding an alternative energy source. Now, people use various forms of natural energy such as wind, solar, heat, and wave to sustain our lives. These alternative energy sources are also eco-friendly. By choosing natural and clean energy sources, we can save the earth for the next generation.

## Passage No.2: 21st Century Skills

In the field of education, policy makers, researchers, and teachers are actively engaged in promoting 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. They are a set of abilities that one must obtain to be successful in the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. In learning, there are four main skills that students should acquire to be successful. They are critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication. If you don't master these skills in learning, you may face difficulties in the world full of information and connections.

## Lesson 2

## Passage Reading and Question



Worksheet | **Reading Passage**

### Passage No.1: Going to School in English

English has become the international language for business and academic communications. With this in mind, many parents in Japan want to help their children acquire a proficiency in English communication. Some of them send their children to all-English-medium schools. In these schools, children learn not only English but also all the subject matters in English. You can imagine how difficult it can be, but the rewards are great also.



Question.....

According to the passage, why going to school in English can be difficult?



Question.....

According to the passage, why do many parents want to send their children to school in English?

## Passage No.2: Natural Remedies

These days many people are interested in replacing chemical medicines with more natural treatments. People choose natural remedies because they are much safer than prescribed or mass-produced chemical medicines. Besides, natural medicines can prevent sicknesses by strengthening the biological system to fight against viruses. Natural medicines have been used for many centuries in the history, and they are certainly beneficial for our lives now.



### Question.....

According to the passage, why do men need to be more involved in taking care of their children?

## Passage No.3: “Ikumen” Culture

“Ikumen” is a Japanese term for fathers who are actively involved in child raising. This particular term indicates the changes in Japanese culture and family. In a traditional Japanese household, the father went to work and the mother stayed at home as a housewife. However, this has gradually changed, and now, many mothers work as much as their spouses. This caused a more equal share of responsibilities in the house. As a result, more men are required to be involved in child rearing.



### Question.....

According to the passage, why do men need to be more involved in taking care of their children?

# Lesson 3

# Illustration Question



Worksheet |



## Question

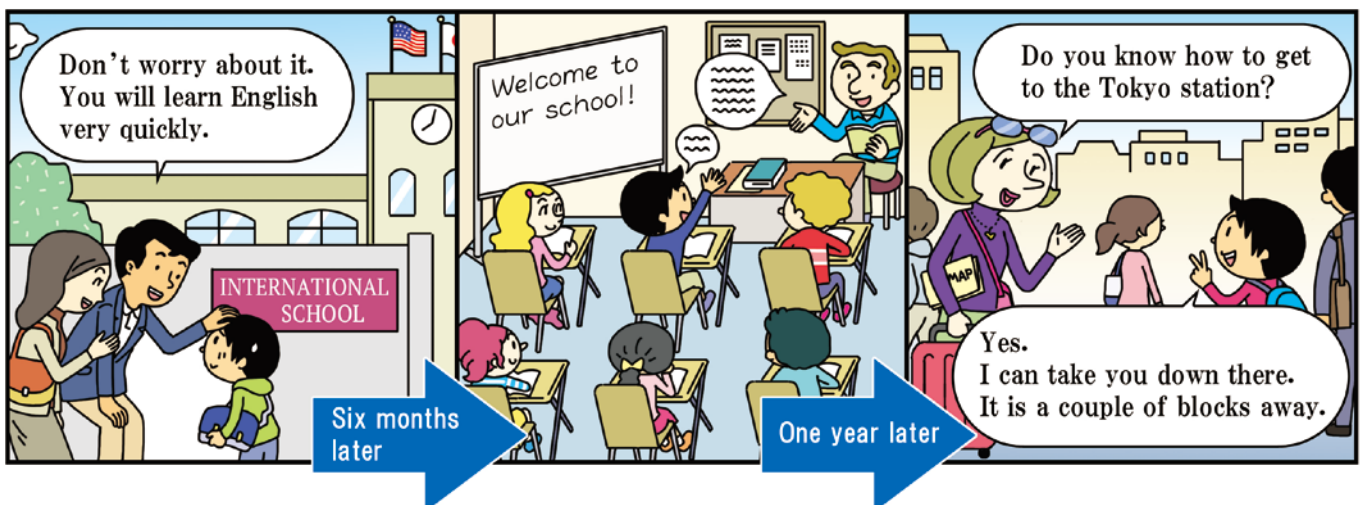
Now, please look at the picture and describe the situation. You have 20 seconds to prepare. Your story should begin with the sentence on the card. [20 seconds] Please begin.



## Question No1.....

Your story should begin with this sentence:

**One day, Takashi's parents took him to an English elementary school.**



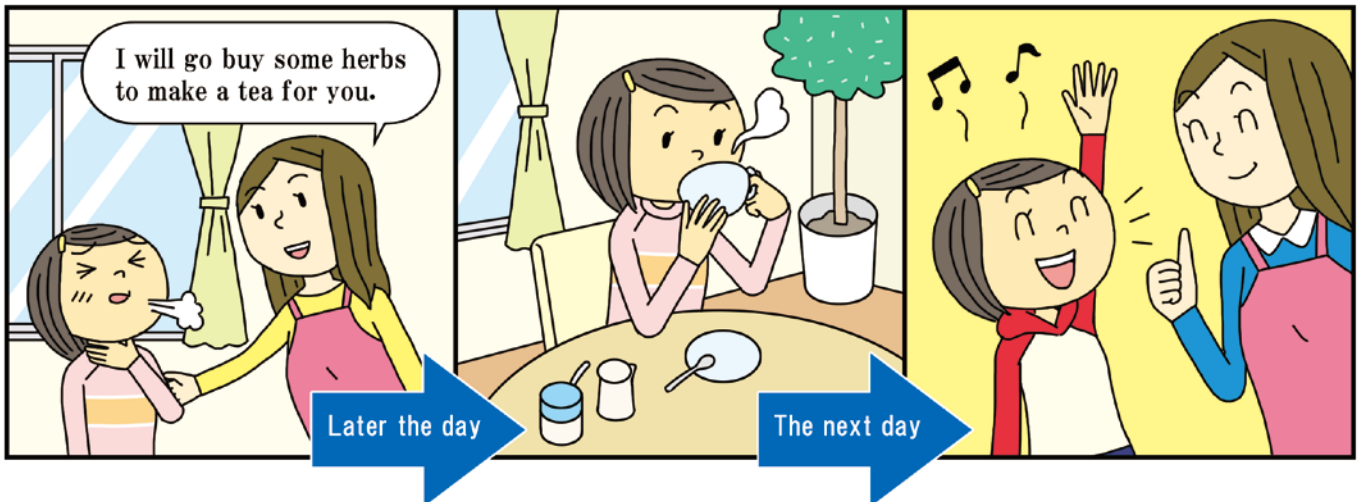




## Question No2.....

Your story should begin with this sentence:

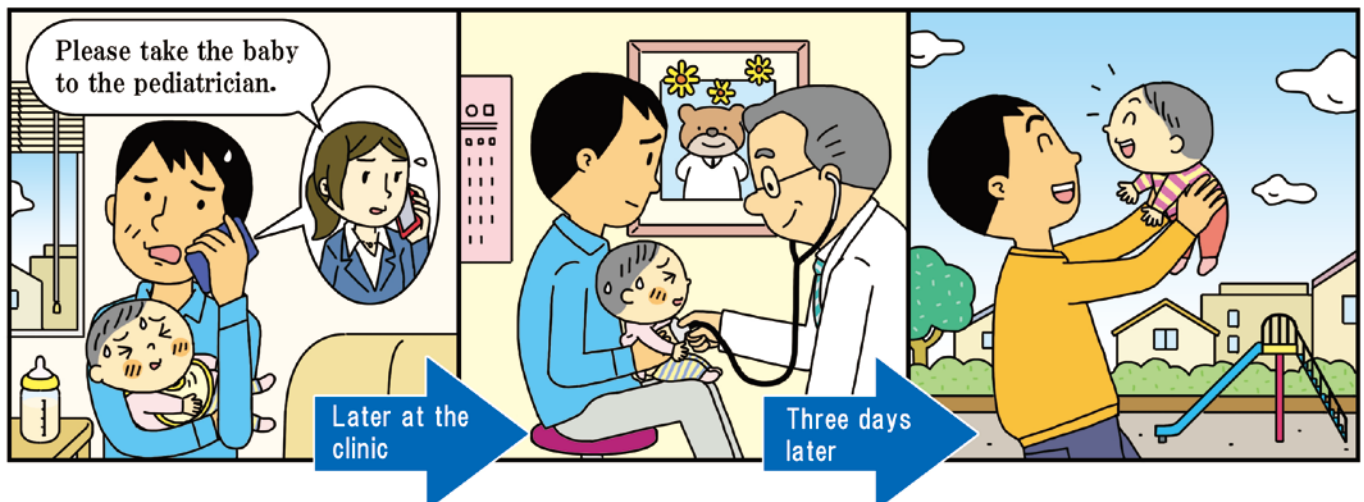
**One day, Erica had a severe pain in her throat.**



## Question No.3.....

Your story should begin with this sentence:

**One day, Shota found that his baby boy had a very high temperature.**





## Lesson

# 4



Worksheet |



## Your Opinions

### Part I

Question No.1	<p>Some people say that, it is strange to see so many people on the train looking at their phones. What do you think about that?</p> <p>I agree. (Explain why). I disagree. (Explain why).</p>
Question No.2	<p>Some people say that, instead of being sent to a nursery school, children should be taken care of by their grandparents. What do you think about that?</p>
Question No.3	<p>Some people say that, in the future, there will not be enough food for everybody on the earth. What do you think about that?</p>
Question No.4	<p>Some people say that, a reasonable amount of alcohol is good for your health. What do you think about that?</p>
Question No.5	<p>Some people say that, finding a life-long hobby is important for having a meaningful life. What do you think about that?</p>
Question No.6	<p>Some people say that, it is a good idea to shop at an online store. What do you think about that?</p>
Question No.7	<p>Some people say that, world peace is impossible to achieve. What do you think about that?</p>
Question No.8	<p>Some people say that, studying abroad makes you more competitive in the Japanese job market. What do you think about that?</p>

# Lesson 5

## Your Opinions Part II



Worksheet |



Question No.1	<p>These days, many people try to learn English online. Do you think it is a good way to study English?</p> <p>Yes – Why? No – Why not?</p>
Question No.2	<p>In Japan, the government is promoting the idea of mastering English for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Do you think more Japanese people will be fluent in English by 2020?</p> <p>Yes – Why? No – Why not?</p>
Question No.3	<p>These days, social networking service (SNS) is very popular. Do you think it is a good way to communicate?</p> <p>Yes – Why? No – Why not?</p>
Question No.4	<p>International marriage is becoming less and less unusual. Do you think Japan is doing enough to sufficiently deal with diversity?</p> <p>Yes – Why? No – Why not?</p>
Question No.5	<p>People like to take vitamin and mineral supplements for their health. Do you think it is a good way to keep their body healthy?</p> <p>Yes – Why? No – Why not?</p>

# Lesson 6

## Interview Test I



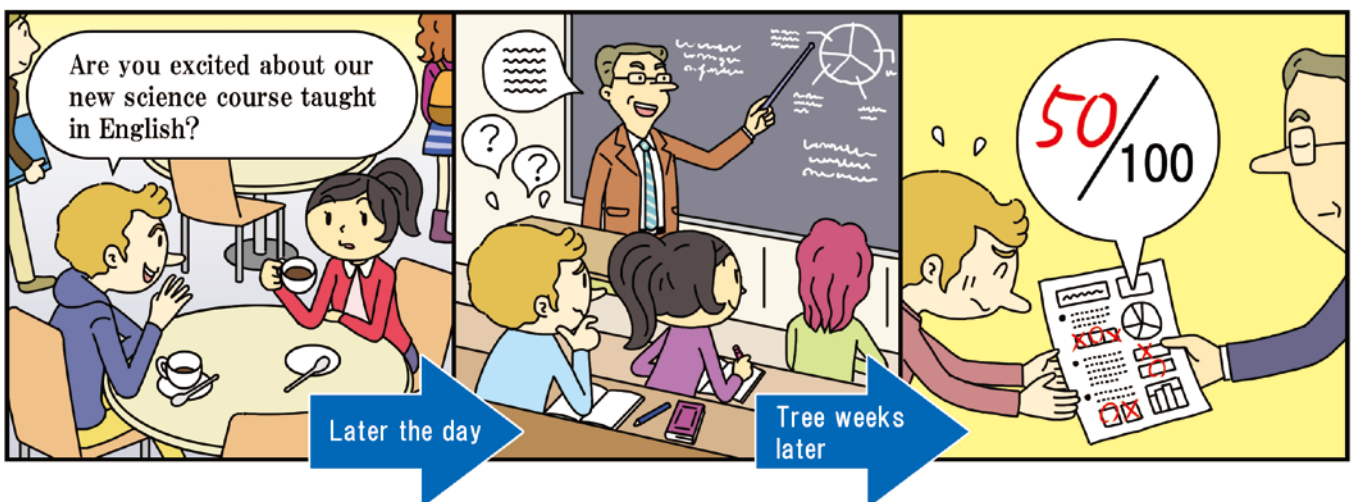
Worksheet (Student) |

### Passage: University Classes Taught in English

These days more and more universities in Japanese offer classes in English. This new movement is supported by the idea of English being the official language of the world, and in order to compete at the global level, Japanese students must be able to speak and use English in their specialized areas. This benefits some students, but it can be extremely challenging for others. Some students even fail the class because they cannot understand the content delivered in English.

Your story should begin with this sentence:

**One day, Ren and Airi are talking in a cafeteria about their new science course taught in English.**



# Lesson 7

## Interview Test II



Worksheet (Student) |

### Passage: School on Saturday?

These days, the Japanese Ministry of Education has been discussing the possibility of having school on Saturdays. Some say that this is necessary to increase the level of students particularly in Japanese and Math. Others say that this is helpful for the parents who have to work on Saturdays. If this becomes effective, life of students and teachers in Japan will dramatically transform.

Your story should begin with this sentence:

**One day, Daisuke and his father were talking about going fishing on Saturday that week.**



# Lesson 8

## Interview Test III



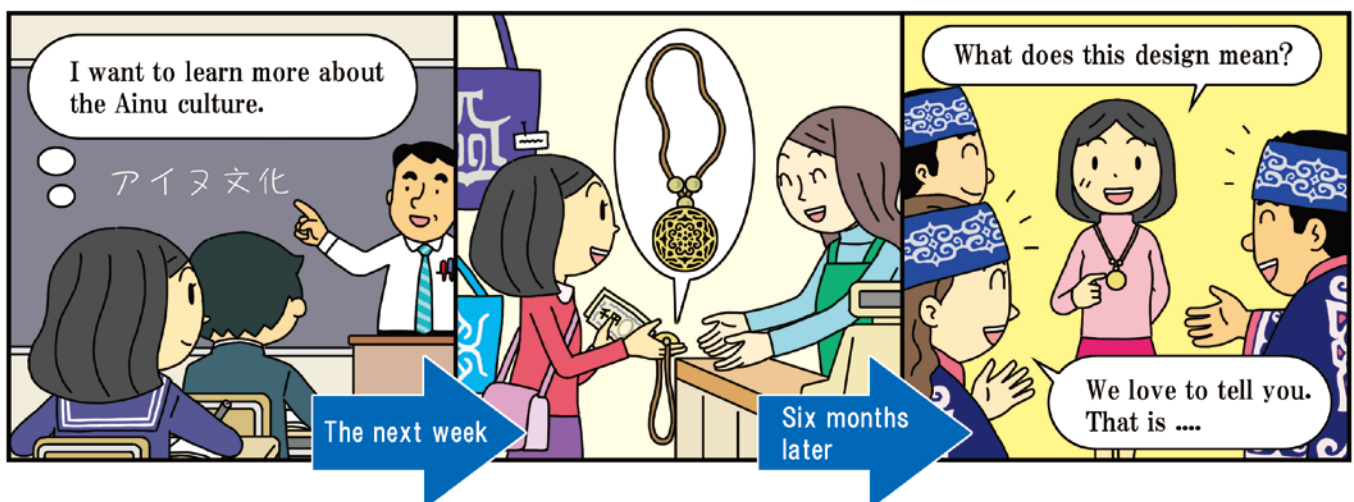
Worksheet (Student) |

### Passage: Keeping Indigenous Cultures

The culture and the tradition of indigenous people attract people's attention especially in the film and fashion industries. Some indigenous people are in favor of their cultures and traditions spreading throughout the world. This may help them preserve their lifestyles. On the other hand, some indigenous people are strongly concerned that their cultures and traditions are not prostrated correctly. They are afraid that people may misunderstand and misuse the symbols and the meanings of their cultures, and it can be a great offence to them.

Your story should begin with this sentence:

**One day, Kumiko learned about the AINU culture in her social studies class.**



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