

# ***International Yamanote Kindergarten***

## ***The 17th English Speaking Contest - Elementary Level***

**★ Saturday, February 9th, 2019 ★**

This year's English Speaking Club saw a big renewal. We moved away from using textbooks and away from focusing on teaching grammar and vocabulary, to focusing more on student driven topics and discussing children's interests and experiences. This year has seen incredible improvements in the children's confidence and ability to speak in front of their classmates. With this advancement in the children's English speaking ability in mind, we have decided to create a completely new English Speaking Contest for the ESC children this year, designed to compliment our regular ESC lessons and incorporate presentations into the contest. The presentations will be based on what the children experience and the conversations they have with the Overseas teachers during the contest and NOT based on items or objects brought in from home.

The contest will continue to consist of 2 sections, the Listening Test and the Speaking Test, with the children being separated into 2 groups, the Lower Elementary Level (1st ~ 3rd grade Elementary School children) and the Higher Elementary Level (4th ~ 6th grade Elementary School children). This year, not only the Speaking Test will see a renewed style, but also the Listening test will become slightly shorter, adding in a fun, new, live/action based section to help children in more everyday, real life situations.

During this year's ESC classes we have been studying the following topics, with group and individual presentations being performed by the children at the end of each unit. Some of these past topics may be covered during the contest, as well as some daily English conversational topics and questions.

## ESC curriculum 2018 ~ 2019

Below is a list of the topics we have been learning this year in ESC. Some of these targets may appear in this year's English Speaking Contest.

<b>April / May</b>	Self Presentations	Self introductions Likes / Dislikes Favourite foods, books, TV shows, colour
<b>May / June</b>	Towns	Prepositions of place Directions & Locations Types of shops / facilities
<b>June / July</b>	Transport	Modes of transportation Parts of cars, airplanes, etc
<b>August / September</b>	Summer Vacations	Places Habits Locations
<b>September / October</b>	Animals	Animal adjectives Comparisons Animal body parts
<b>October / November</b>	Halloween	Comparisons
<b>November / December</b>	Continents	Superlatives Country names and flags Landmarks, famous food, sports, customs

### Example Lower Elementary Level listening test questions:

- Pass me 3 yellow pencils, please.
- A: That's a nice new hat Sarah. Was it expensive?  
B: No, it was only \$15.

Question: How much did the hat cost?

### Example Lower Elementary Level speaking test questions:

- When's your birthday? *My birthday is \_\_\_\_\_.*
- Do you have any brothers or sisters? *Yes, I have \_\_\_\_\_.*
- Which do you like better, carrots or broccoli? *I like \_\_\_\_\_ better.*

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### Example Higher Elementary Level listening test questions:

- Draw 2 cups on the table and 1 box under the table.
- A: Are you going to Australia on your holidays Steve?  
B: No, I went to Australia and New Zealand last year. This year I'm going to Canada.

Question: Where is Steve going on holiday?

### Example Higher Elementary Level speaking test questions:

- What did you study at school today? *I studied \_\_\_\_\_.*
- What do you want to be when you grow up? *I want to be a \_\_\_\_\_.*
- What did you do on the weekend? *I went to \_\_\_\_\_.*