

International Yamanote Kindergarten

The 20th English Speaking Contest

★ Saturday, February 5th, 2022 ★

We are very pleased to announce the 20th annual English Speaking Contest at International Yamanote Kindergarten. Over the last few years, we have been making changes to the format of the contest which allow the children to use lots of natural English in a relaxed and informal environment.

Like last year, the contest will be divided into 3 levels, one for each grade (Junior, Intermediate and Senior), and as always, consist of 2 categories, the English Speaking and English Listening tests. As the name of the contest suggests, the main focus will be on speaking, with the children interacting with the Overseas teachers in a variety of situations. There will also be a listening section to encourage greater comprehension than simply taking a written test. Both the speaking and listening sections have been created keeping in mind what the children have already learned so far. So while there is nothing for the children to bring or specifically prepare for contest, we have included many of the topics and targets we have covered throughout the year which may end up being used somewhere during the day.

We hope that everyone participating in this year's English Speaking Contest finds it an enjoyable and rewarding experience which gives the children lots of motivation to continue pursuing English not just during their kindergarten years, but long into their bright futures.

Junior

April	Feelings Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are you today? • How's the weather? • What's your name? • How old are you? 	<i>I'm _____.</i> <i>It's _____.</i> <i>My name is _____.</i> <i>I'm <u>3/4</u>.</i>
May	Zoo Animals Opposites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you like _____? • What is it? • Is it <u>big</u>? 	<i>Yes, I do / No, I don't.</i> <i>It's a _____.</i> <i>Yes, it is / No, it isn't.</i>
June	Vegetables Opposites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you like _____? • Which do you like? • _____, please. 	<i>Yes, I do / No, I don't.</i> <i>I like _____.</i> <i>Here you are.</i>
July	Face Parts Abilities / Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touch your _____. • What do you want? • Can you _____? 	<i>May I have a / an _____, please?</i> <i>Yes, I can / No, I can't.</i>
August	Fruit Colours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you like _____? • Which do you like? • What colour is it? 	<i>Yes, I do / No, I don't.</i> <i>I like _____.</i> <i>It's _____.</i>
September	Sea Animals Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can you see? • What is it? • What did you find? 	<i>I can see a _____.</i> <i>It's a _____.</i> <i>I found a _____.</i>
October	Halloween Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it? • Is it scary? Is it cute? • Who is it? 	<i>It's a _____.</i> <i>Yes, it is / No, it isn't.</i> <i>It's _____.</i>
November	Prepositions Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where's the _____? • What do you want? 	<i>It's _____.</i> <i>I want a _____.</i>
December	Christmas Prepositions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you have? • What do you want? • Where's the _____? 	<i>I have a _____.</i> <i>I want a _____.</i> <i>It's on the _____.</i>
January	Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have _____? • Put on your _____. 	<i>Yes, I do / No, I don't.</i>

Intermediate

April	Feelings Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are you today? <i>I'm _____.</i> • How's the weather today? <i>Today is _____.</i>
May	Animals Adjectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can you see? <i>I can see a/an _____.</i> • What does it have? <i>It has _____.</i> • Is it <u>cute</u>? <i>Yes, it is / No, it isn't.</i>
June	Preferences Vegetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which do you like, _____ or _____? <i>I like _____.</i> • What do you want? <i>I want a _____ and a _____.</i>
July	Locations Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where will you go? <i>I'll go to _____.</i> • Will you go by _____? <i>Yes, I will / No, I won't.</i>
August	Fruit Colours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you like _____? <i>Yes, I do / No, I don't.</i> • What do you have? <i>I have a/an _____.</i> • What did you get? <i>I got a / an _____.</i>
September	Sea Animals Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you see? <i>I saw a _____.</i> • What did you find? <i>I found a _____.</i> • What did you catch? <i>I caught a _____.</i>
October	Halloween Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will you/he/she be? <i>I'll/ He'll/ She'll be a _____.</i> • Who is he/she? <i>He / She is a / my_____.</i> • What is <i>Father</i> wearing? <i>Father's wearing a _ costume.</i>
November	Prepositions Directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is the? <i>It's _____.</i> • Go __, turn__, look__, stop!
December	Christmas Prepositions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you want for Christmas? <i>I want a _____.</i> • What did you get? <i>I got a _____.</i> • Where is the_____? <i>It's _____.</i>
January	Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have _____? <i>Yes, I do / No, I don't.</i> • Put on / take off / zip up / hang up _____.

Senior

April	Self Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's your name? • When's your birthday? • Where are you from? • What do you like? 	<p><i>My name is ____.</i></p> <p><i>My birthday is ____.</i></p> <p><i>I'm from ____.</i></p> <p><i>I like ____.</i></p>
May	Animals Animal Adjectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which do you like better, ___ or ___? • Does it have ____? • What does it have? Where is it from? 	<p><i>I like ____ better.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, it does / No, it doesn't.</i></p> <p><i>It has ____.</i></p> <p><i>It's from ____.</i></p>
June	Space Body & Illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can you see? • What's wrong? 	<p><i>I can see ____.</i></p> <p><i>I have a ____.</i></p> <p><i>I cut my ____.</i></p> <p><i>My ____ hurts.</i></p>
July	Locations Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will you do? • Where will you go? • How will you get there? 	<p><i>I will play / go ____.</i></p> <p><i>I will go to ____.</i></p> <p><i>I will go by ____.</i></p>
August	Summer Vacations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you do? • Where did you go? 	<p><i>I went ____.</i></p> <p><i>I went to ____.</i></p>
September	Sea Animals Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can you see? • What did you see? • What did you find? 	<p><i>I can see ____.</i></p> <p><i>I saw ____.</i></p> <p><i>I found ____.</i></p>
October	Halloween House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will you / he / she be? • Where is the ____? 	<p><i>I / He / She will be a ____.</i></p> <p><i>It's in the ____.</i></p>
November	Hyogen Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	
December	Christmas Prepositions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you get? • Where should I put it • Where does it go? 	<p><i>I got a ____.</i></p> <p><i>Put it ____.</i></p> <p><i>It goes on the / in the ____.</i></p>