

International Yamanote Kindergarten

The 20th English Speaking Contest

★ Saturday, February 4th, 2023 ★

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.

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. 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 be 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	Colours Patterns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What colour is it? <i>It's ____.</i> What colour is a banana? <i>It's ____.</i> What colours do you like? <i>I like ____.</i> What does it have? <i>It has ____.</i>
May	Numbers Shapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you see? <i>I can see ____.</i> How many are there? <i>There are ____.</i> What shapes can you see? <i>I can see a ____.</i> What do you want? <i>May I have a ____, please?</i>
June	Fruit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What's your favourite fruit? <i>I like ____.</i> Is it yummy? <i>Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.</i> What do you want? <i>I want a ____.</i> What did you get? <i>I got a ____.</i>
July	The Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you wear in Summer? <i>You wear ____.</i> What can you see? <i>I can see ____.</i> What can you do? <i>I can ____.</i> What did you find? <i>I found ____.</i>
August	Aquarium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What can you see? <i>I can see a ____.</i> What does it look like? <i>It's ____.</i> How is it? <i>It's ____.</i> Where is it? <i>It's in/on/under/ ____.</i>
September	Vegetables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which vegetables do you like? <i>I like ____.</i> Which do you like, ____ or ____? <i>I like ____.</i> Where does it grow? <i>It grows ____.</i>
October	Halloween Autumn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What can you see? <i>I can see ____.</i> What did you find? <i>I found a ____.</i> Who is it? <i>It's a ____.</i> What does it have? <i>It has ____.</i>
November	Body Parts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Touch your ____. What does it have? <i>It has ____.</i> Where does it hurt? <i>My ____ hurts.</i> Does it have ____? <i>Yes, it does. No, it doesn't</i>
December	House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where is the ____? <i>It's ____.</i> Who is it? <i>It's ____.</i> Where does it go? <i>It goes on the top/middle/bottom.</i>
January	Shapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What shape is it? <i>It's a ____.</i> What can you make? <i>I can make ____.</i> What does it do? <i>It ____.</i> What shape is a <u>house</u>? <i>A <u>house</u> is ____.</i>

Intermediate

April	Easter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can you do for Easter? • What's your favourite season? • What does Spring have? • What can you see? • Where is the egg? 	<p><i>You can ____.</i></p> <p><i>My favourite season is ____.</i></p> <p><i>It has ____.</i></p> <p><i>I can see ____.</i></p> <p><i>It's ____ the ____.</i></p>
May	Wild Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does it live? • What does it have? • Where do <u>lions</u> live? 	<p><i>It lives in ____.</i></p> <p><i>It has ____.</i></p> <p><i>They live in ____.</i></p>
June	Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does it go? • Is it recyclable? • Where does it live? • What is it? 	<p><i>It goes in the ____ bin.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, it is. / No, it isn't</i></p> <p><i>It lives in the ____.</i></p> <p><i>It's a ____.</i></p>
July	Maps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's on the map? • Where is the ____? • How do you get to ____? 	<p><i>There is / are ____.</i></p> <p><i>It's ____.</i></p> <p><i>_____.</i></p>
August	Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we need? • What's different / changed? • What can you see? 	<p><i>We need ____.</i></p> <p><i>It was ___, now it's ____.</i></p> <p><i>I can see ____.</i></p>
September	Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you play ____? • What do you use? • Where is it from? • Can you play ____? 	<p><i>You ____.</i></p> <p><i>You use ____.</i></p> <p><i>It's from ____.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, I can. / No, I can't.</i></p>
October	Ocean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What lives in the reef? • What does it have? • Where does it live? • What does it eat? • What eats it? 	<p><i>_____ lives in the reef.</i></p> <p><i>It has ____.</i></p> <p><i>It lives ____.</i></p> <p><i>It eats ____.</i></p> <p><i>_____ eats it.</i></p>
November	Measurements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How ____ is it? • How many are there? • How much is there? • It is countable? 	<p><i>It's ____.</i></p> <p><i>There are ____.</i></p> <p><i>There is ____.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.</i></p>
December	Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can you do? • Can you ____. • What does the heart do? • How have you changed? 	<p><i>I can ____.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, I can. / No, I can't.</i></p> <p><i>The heart ____.</i></p> <p><i>Now, I can ____.</i></p>
January	Flight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does it fly? • How high does it fly? • What does it have? • Can it fly? 	<p><i>It has/uses ____.</i></p> <p><i>It flies ____.</i></p> <p><i>It has ____.</i></p> <p><i>Yes, it can / No, it can't.</i></p>

Senior

April	Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where are you from? Where is it from? Where do you want to go? What do they do in ____? 	<i>I'm from ____.</i> <i>It's from ____.</i> <i>I want to go to ____.</i> <i>They ____.</i>
May	Endangered Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where does it live? How many are there? What does it eat? What does it look like? What lives in the ____. 	<i>It lives in ____.</i> <i>There are ____.</i> <i>It eats ____.</i> <i>It has ____.</i> <i>____ lives in the ____.</i>
June	Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What can you see? Which is bigger _ or _? Which is closer to the Earth? How far is it? What's it made of? 	<i>I can see ____.</i> <i>____ is bigger?</i> <i>____ is closer to Earth.</i> <i>It's ____.</i> <i>It's made of ____.</i>
July	Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can it be recycled? Can it be reused? What's it made of? Where does it go? 	<i>Yes, it can. / No, it can't.</i> <i>Yes, it can. / No, it can't.</i> <i>It's made of ____.</i> <i>It goes in ____.</i>
August	The Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you <u>run fast</u>? What causes it? How can it be treated? What's it made of? Is it healthy? 	<i>Yes, I can. / No, I can't.</i> <i>____ causes it.</i> <i>You can ____.</i> <i>It's made of ____.</i> <i>Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.</i>
September	Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can it be used? Is it renewable? What does it use? Where do we get <u>coal</u> from? 	<i>It can be ____.</i> <i>Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.</i> <i>It uses ____.</i> <i>We get it from ____.</i>
October	Natural World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you need? What can it do? How long is ____? Does it sink/float? What is it made of? 	<i>I need ____.</i> <i>It can ____.</i> <i>It's ____.</i> <i>Yes, it does./No, it doesn't.</i> <i>It's made of ____.</i>
November	Man-made World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who made/invented it? When was it made? How was it made? How do you use it? Why do we need it? What does it do? 	<i>____ made/invented it.</i> <i>It was made in ____.</i> <i>It was made ____.</i> <i>You ____.</i> <i>We need it because ____.</i> <i>It ____.</i>
December	Architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How tall is it? Who made it? Which country is it in? How old is it? When was it made? What shapes can you see? 	<i>It's ____.</i> <i>It was made by ____.</i> <i>It's in ____.</i> <i>It's ____.</i> <i>It was made in ____.</i> <i>I can see ____.</i>

January	Dinosaurs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could it fly?• What does it have?• What does it look like?• Where can you find it?	<i>Yes, it could./No, it couldn't</i> <i>It has ____.</i> <i>It's ____.</i> <i>You can find it in ____.</i>
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