

English teaching in Japanese schools

with particular focus on recent introduction of
English teaching to public elementary schools

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Abstract

In this lecture, I will start by talking about the overall picture of English teaching in Japan. I will then take up "The Strategic Plan to Cultivate 'Japanese with English Abilities'" and "The Action Plan to Cultivate 'Japanese with English Abilities,'" planned by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), and point out their problems. Recent introduction of English teaching to public elementary schools will be discussed in the wider perspective of the above-mentioned strategic plan and action plan. I will talk about various issues raised by the new change. I will conclude the lecture with my own alternative proposal, which makes use of metalinguistic abilities.

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