### How can YOU improve English education? Shiga JET Skills Development Conference

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# One chance in a lifetime

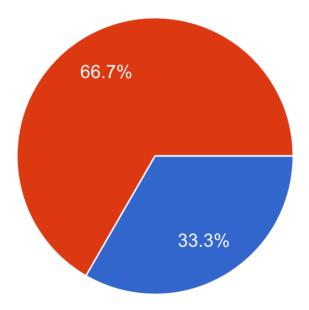
### JET reject!

### Who are you?

Survey results

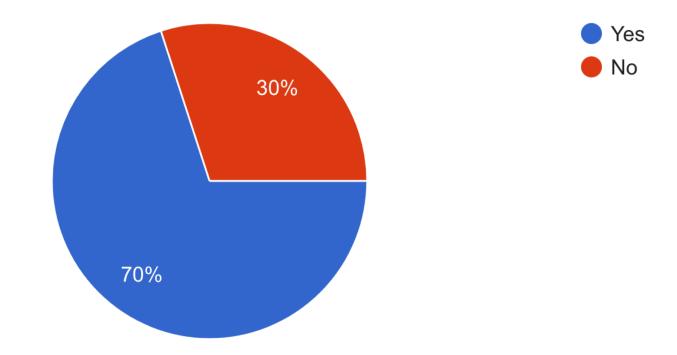
Did you have any previous teaching experience before joining the JET Program? (Don't count tutoring.)

39 件の回答

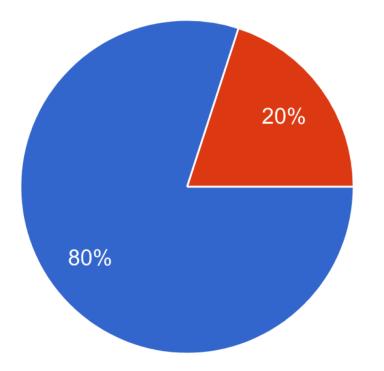




Had you ever visited Japan before joining the JET Program? 40 件の回答

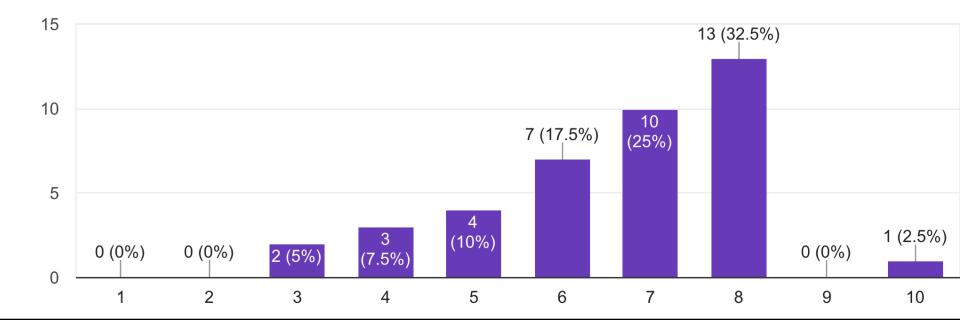


#### Did you study Japanese before joining the JET Program? 40 件の回答





#### What was your first classroom day as a JET like? 40 件の回答



#### Hellish

#### Heavenly

#### JET Program goals From jetprogramme.org:

The JET Programme aims to promote internationalisation in Japan's local communities by improving foreign language education and fostering international exchange at the community level.

### How can YOU improve English education?

- Assist JTE
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## Prioritize assisting JTE

### JTE has

- Teacher training
- Teaching experience
- Experience working with JETs
- Understanding of context, students

#### How to assist JTE?

- Think about needs of JTE first (even before needs of students)
- Be useful to JTE
- Accomplish your goals later

#### Benefits

- Reduce friction
- Learn about Japanese teaching context
- Ultimately, benefit English education

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# Fake it ti

# you make it

#### **Teacherly behaviors**

- asking students to read things out loud
- checking that students understand

directions

 walking around the room to check that students are on task

## What teacherly behaviors have worked for you?

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### What are you good at?

- Leading activities
- Inspiring positivity
- Connecting with students
- Sharing culture
- Helping students understand English (providing comprehensible input)

# What are you good at in the classroom?

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Learning a language is different from learning other skills

### Learning your first language

No conscious effortPerfect learning!

### What let you learn English?

### What let you learn English? Input!

### What is input?

- Language that children hear (or read)
   Examples:
  - Utterances by parents and older siblings
  - Books read to children

# Learning a second/third /additional language

- No-conscious effort
- Imperfect learning!

### What is required to learn a 2nd/3rd/additional language?

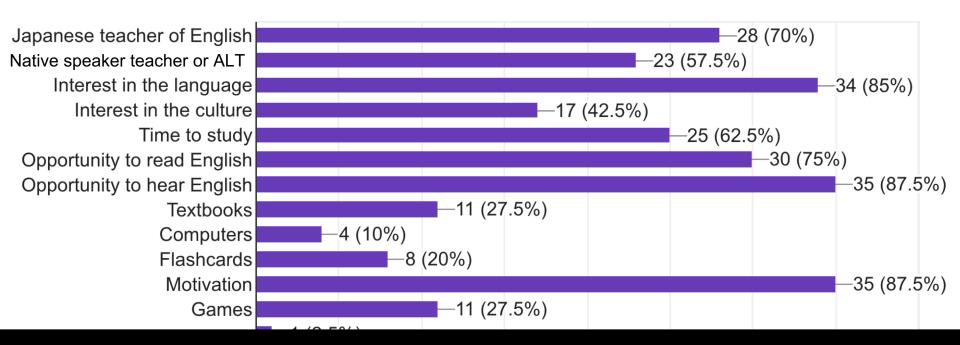
## What is required for students to learn English?

- Japanese teacher of English
- Native speaker teacher or ALT
- Interest in language or culture
- Time to study

- Opportunity to read/hear English
- Textbooks
- Computers
- Flashcards
- Motivation
  - Games

### Which of the following do you think are REQUIRED for students to learn English? Check all that apply.

40 件の回答



## What is required to learn a language?

- Experts agree: input is required
- Experts disagree about whether anything else is necessary.

### What is input?

- Language that students hear or read Examples:
  - Utterances by their teacher or ALT
  - Sentences they read in textbooks, online, on the board
  - Books they read
  - Conversations they hear in movies

### But listening & reading are not enough!

ことしのノーベル平和賞に、性暴力の根絶に取り組んできたアフリカ中部、コンゴ民 主共ジロ (スペンパン・マングローベル) コンゴ民	∋ イラン減産には既に対応 サウジ皇太子、米通信社に
の「が選ばれました。	→ 米最高裁判事の人事案、審議を終結 6日採決へ、承認へ前進
<ul> <li>ノルウェーのオスロにある選考委員会は5日、ことしのノーベル平和賞の受賞者に、</li> <li>▽性暴力を受けた女性の治療に長年あたってきたコンゴ民主共和国のデニ・ムクウェ ゲ医師(63)と、</li> <li>▽みずからも過激派組織   S = イスラミックステートによる性暴力を受けながら、その実態を訴えてきた人権活動家のナディア・ムラドさん(26)の2人を選んだと発表しました。</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>&gt; インターポール、機構トップ失踪報道を暗に認める 声明で「中仏の問題」</li> <li>&gt; 中国との貿易協定阻止も 米商務長官、日本やEUに考え示す</li> <li>&gt; NY株続落、180ドル安 米長期金利の上昇警戒</li> <li>&gt; 米金利7年5カ月ぶり高さ 10年債、一時3・248%</li> </ul>
ムクウェゲ医師はフランスで医学を学んだあとコンゴ民主共和国の紛争地帯に病院を 設立し、混乱のなかで性暴力を受けた多くの女性の治療や心のケアに取り組みまし	<ul> <li>▶ NY円、113円後半</li> <li>▶ 【小池知事定例会見録】いよいよ築地閉場「食文化の発展に貢</li> </ul>
た。 通信速度が10倍程度になる次世代の通信規格「5G」について、携帯大手3社は来 年にも一部の地域で試験運用を行う計画です。これを受け石田総務大臣は、来年3月 末にも5G用の周波数の割り当てを検討する考えを示しました。	献」
NTTドコモ、KDDI、ソフトバンクの携帯大手3社は次世代の通信規格「5G」 について、当初の予定よりも1年前倒しして、来年にも一部の地域で試験運用を行う 計画を示しています。	<ul> <li>▶ 【人事】テレビ朝日</li> <li>▶ 【人事】ジョリーパスタ</li> </ul>
これについて石田総務大臣は記者会見で「早期に5Gのサービスを供給できるように 期待していきたい。携帯各社へのヒアリングを踏まえて、2019年3月末に5G用の 周波数を割り当てることを目指して検討をしていきたい」と述べました。	
5Gは現在の4G=第4世代の通信規格よりも速度が10倍程度速くなり、自動運転 やIoTなどが普及する時代に大きな産業インフラになることが期待されています。	<ul> <li>&gt; 築地閉場で小池知事「食文化の発展に貢献」</li> <li>→ 中国出身のICPO総裁、帰国後に行方不明 取り調べか</li> <li>38</li> </ul>
5Gをめぐっては、携帯大手3社のほか楽天が2020年の実用化を表明しています。	▶ レノボ株、一時23%急落 チップ埋め込み報道で

## Listen to how the caretakers talk to children

1:30

2:20

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# Comprehensible input

What is comprehe input? Input that you understand, even if you don't know all of the words or grammar

## Comprehensible input

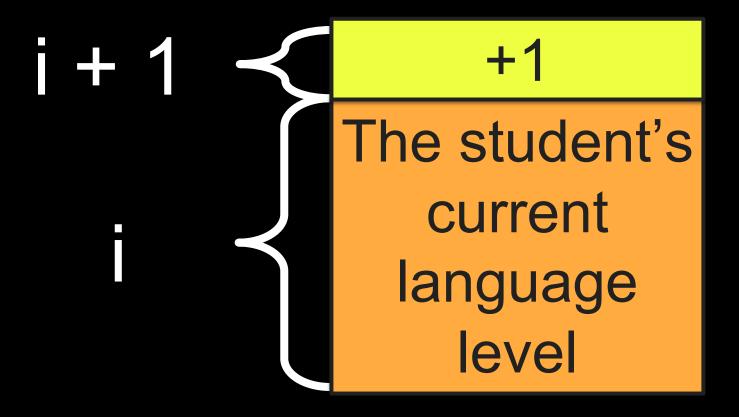
"We acquire language and develop literacy when we understand spoken and written messages, that is, when we receive comprehensible input." (Krashen, 2015)

## How did Krashen make the German input comprehensible?

# How difficult should the input be?

## Input hypothesis (Krashen)

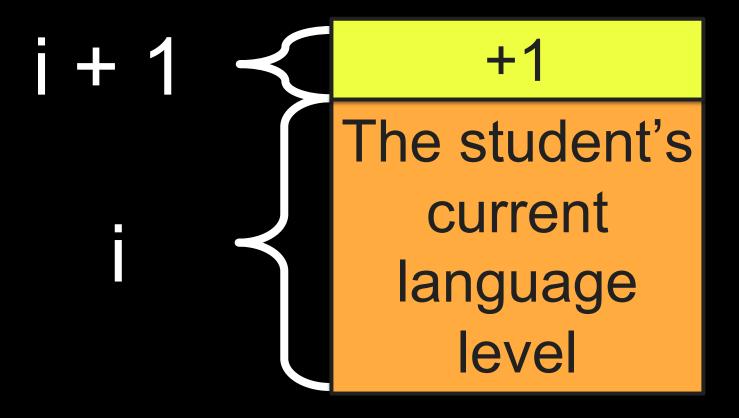
Learners progress when they comprehend language input that is slightly more advanced than their current level.



1. Determine what your learners a. can already comprehend (i) b. cannot yet comprehend (i+1) 2. Provide i+1 input a. make it comprehensible b. check understanding c. repeat

# I walked to the park. Then I picked a flower. I listened to music. Then I walked home.

- Pictures in Example 2 make the input comprehensible
- What other ways could you make the input comprehensible?



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More strategies for making input comprehensible





### **Textual support: PPT**



#### Handout review

#### American South =/= South America



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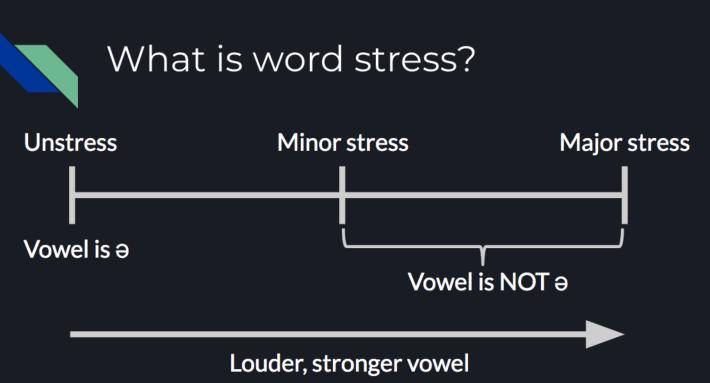








## Diagrams



## Outlines

Sociolinguistics

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_ is the study of the language used by \_\_\_\_\_\_ groups.
10. A \_\_\_\_\_\_ is a variety of language characterized in terms of

a. \_\_\_\_\_ (vocabulary)

b. \_\_\_\_\_

- What can you communicate by yourself in English?
  - I can introduce myself.
  - I can order in a restaurant.
  - I can make an appointment for a haircut on the phone.

## WaitingSilence is okay

Allow students time to comprehend

- Determine what your learners

   a. can already comprehend (i)
   b. cannot yet comprehend
   (i+1)
- 2. Provide i+1 input
  - a. Make it comprehensible
  - b. check understanding
  - c. repeat

Will figure

out over
time

## Strategies for checking understanding

Total physical response (TPR)
Drawing

#### I walked to the

#### park.

## Then I picked a flower.

#### I listened to music.

## Then I walked home.



What are some other ways to check understanding?

#### Review games Kahoot

#### • Plickers

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## 一期一会 いちごいちえ ichi-go ichi-e

## Review Kahoot

## Thank you!

## ありがとうございました!

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