

# Education of English in Iwate

## Introduction

In the globalized modern world, Global Talents are required. However it is difficult that all young people become such talents and work around the world. In addition, the region will not activate if the great talents advance to the city or to foreign countries.

Therefore, an idea of “Glocal” is important. “Glocal” is a word that is mixed with two words “Global” and “Local”. This word means we have a view of international scale and act at the regional scale. We believe that if Glocal Talents increase, all young people may be able to work actively and the region may be able to be activated.

Based on these, we considered that the opportunity of cultural exchange in the stage of compulsory education is important, and decided our subject which is English education at the junior high schools in Iwate.

## Materials

The keyword "Glocal" is quoted from J-marketing.net. This word is made from "Global" and "Local." It means "think globally, act locally." The view has spread to environment, community development, politics, economy, and education.



## Interview

First of all, we interviewed Mr. Matsumoto who works in Iwate prefectural government to know English teaching at the junior high school in Iwate. The following is the result of the interview.

1. The goal of English teaching at the junior high school in Iwate.
  - To have scholastic ability that is 3rd grade of English proficiency test level in the junior high school.
  - To get basis of English in order to talk in foreign country.
2. The effort in Iwate to achieve the goals.
  - Holding training workshop for teachers, and making progress of their teaching skill to train global person.
3. The ability to use English in the junior high school students of Iwate.

- It is average in Japan.
4. The ALT in Iwate.
- There are ALTs in each school. However they are almost part-time teachers.
5. The international exchange.
- "IHATOV English Camp" and studying abroad are held by Iwate prefecture, but the number of people is limited.

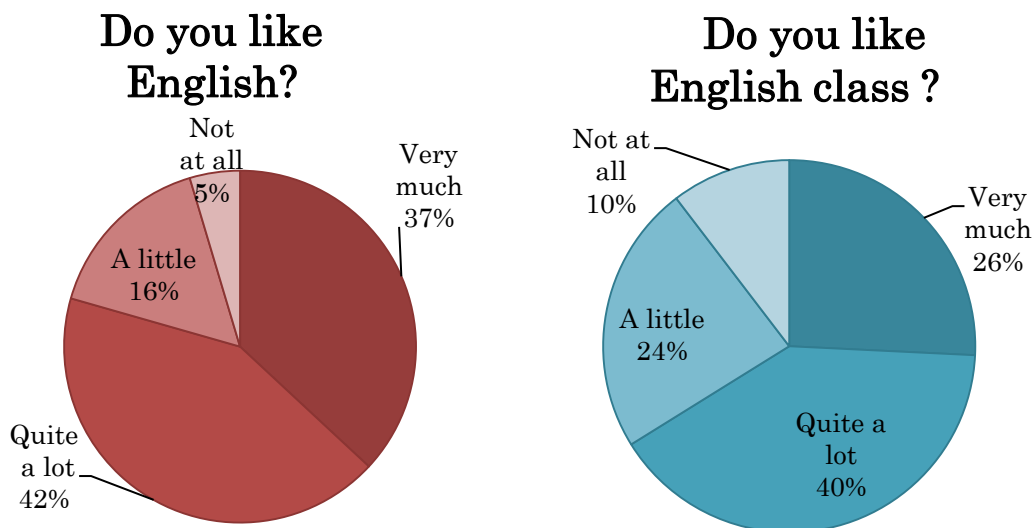
In addition, Iwate prefecture set a goal of English teaching.

- In elementary school, it sets a goal to get used to English and to enjoy English.
- In junior high school, it sets a goal to communicate about familiar things.
- In high school, it sets a goal to develop ability of English in order to use in society.

### Questionnaire Surveys

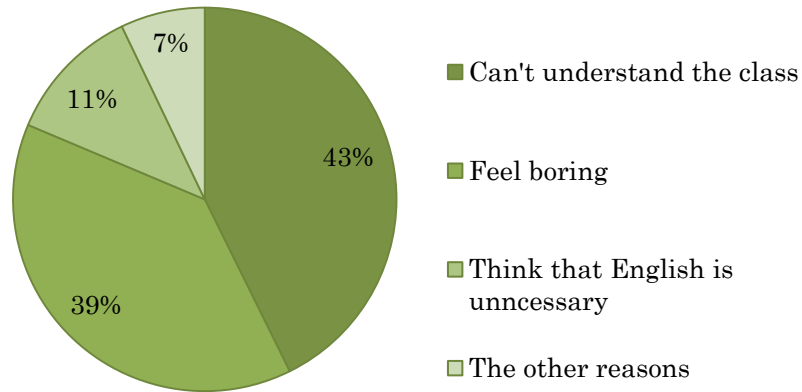
Second, we sent out questionnaire about English from six junior high schools in Iwate. The following is results of questionnaire surveys.

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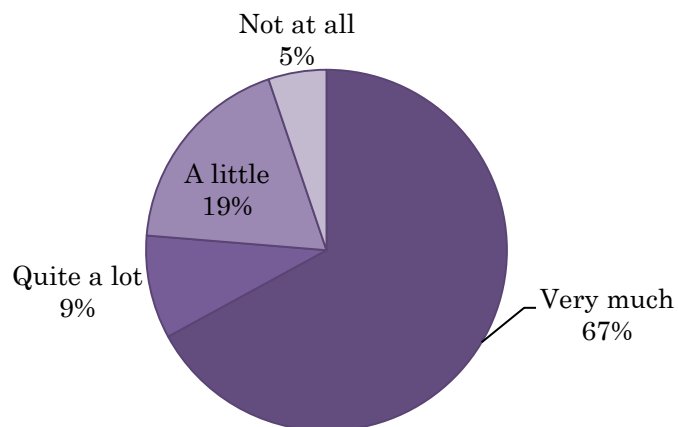
#### *Survey②*

## Why do you dislike English ?



### *Survey*③

## Do you think English is necessary in the future?



### *Survey*④

What do you need for studying English?

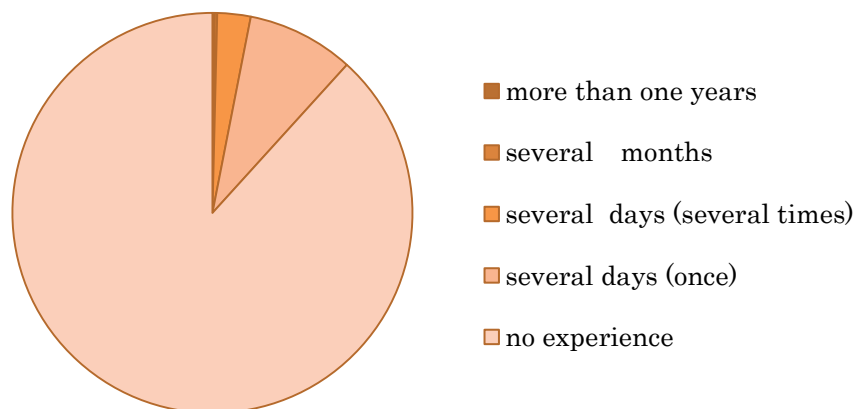
- More fun class
- Communication with foreign people
- Teaching each other
- Assertiveness
- Enjoying English movies and music
- Reading English books
- Preparation and review for the class, homework
- Much vocabulary
- Studying grammar
- Reading aloud
- Concentration on the class

et cetera

Some people need personal skills such as grammar and vocabulary, but other people need communications and want to enjoy English songs, movies and books daily.

### *Survey*⑤

## How many times and how long have you stayed abroad ?



According this graph, about 88% junior high school students have never been abroad.

## **Conclusion**

By doing international exchange positively at the junior high school in Iwate, we can improve English skills and communication skills and it will lead to cultivation of global person.

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