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Examples of quotes

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2. I'm going to make a spaceship to see the Milky Way!
3. He fell asleep and slept until morning...

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your ideas!

"Hiraku" provides useful information
and the latest news related to
English and childhood education.

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Learning Japanese at Kinder Kids

In our Japanese Learning classes, available from K1 class (Nen-sho), we help children who are accustomed to school life in English make a smooth transition to regular elementary school life. Among all our schools, more than 1,000 children are now taking this course.

Starting this school year, the classes have been changed to be held in the morning at the K1 level. We start the class by saying to the children "Ohayo-gozaïmasu" (Good morning in Japanese) when their parents bring them to school. In this way, we help young children ease from leaving their Japanese speaking parents and entering the English speaking school environment. Also in the morning when their brains are more active, it makes learning Japanese and the smooth transition to English easier. Kinder Kids uses a unique age-appropriate curriculum that teaches "reading/writing/math" not only in English but also in Japanese. Children also learn about Japanese culture and study as a group through poetry, haiku and picture books.



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Support at home: Reading to children

A mother tongue cannot exist without the acquisition of both "spoken" and "written" language. In particular, school textbooks use "written" language with a subject and predicate.

Picture books are the best material to develop this written language ability. In the nursery and toddler age group, children love to read one of their favorite books over and over again rather than reading a variety of books. Mom and Dad must have had their own favorite book at the same age. You may wonder if it's okay to read the same book all the time, but they may feel comfortable to hear the story with every word they remember. Please praise them for their increased memory to boost their self-esteem.

After the stage of increasing the number of favorite books to read, when they move on to Kinder level, they will need to read a variety of books. Thinking about the information acquired from reading through "Input" and "Output" help children develop their reading skills. Even if they are able to read books on their own, please continue to read to them. It is important to read books by themselves, but they still enjoy hearing stories and increasing their imagination. Reading aloud is also effective in relieving stress for both mom and dad. We hope you and your child will enjoy reading aloud together.



Feature Story

Support at home: Writing

Nowadays, it is easy for us to record family and children's memories on video using cell phones, but if you record them in pictures and letters, it becomes a work of art. We, as adults, tend to focus on the order of writing and shape of letters, but your child's current writing is a unique art form. Let's use memories of your daily life and outings to create a piece of art with your child!



Kinder Kids: Art Contest

Since the "SAE Kirara Picture Diary Contest" ended last year, Kinder Kids will be holding our own contest from this year.

For further information, please access Extracurricular Classes on Kinder+.

Children's Picture Diary



Memories from Parents

「妹の言葉」
10カ月の妹がいる4歳の息子は、妹の言葉をよく私に教えてくれます。妹が泣いていても、すぐに掛け付けられなかつたら「ママ、〇〇が、泣いてんで。」ママに抱っこして欲しいって言うので、と、教えてくれます。
私が、「何で△△は、〇〇の言う事が分かるん？」と、聞くと「だって、ほくも淋しくて抱っこして欲しいねん」と、答えました。妹の言葉の代弁は、息子の気持ちが半分入った子供たち2人分の思いなんだと感じ、3人で抱っこしました。



003 Stephen Gillespie

From Scotland, United Kingdom

Online/Curriculum Division / Head Office

Martial arts road to foreign countries

Since I was 18 years old, I have been training in martial arts and fascinated for about 15 years now. I learned Japanese Ju-jitsu, Karate and Judo, kickboxing, Muay Thai, boxing, wrestling, etc.

I have travelled all over Asia to win in amateur and professional fighting competitions.

I am now a very proud Brazilian Ju-jitsu brown belt coach. I also sometimes coach Karate.



Rich life in Japan

In the area where I lived in Scotland, it rained relatively a lot, and we have only two seasons, similar to the rainy and winter seasons in Japan. I really appreciate living in Japan, where there are four seasons to enjoy. I can view Sakura in the spring, go to the beach in the summer, enjoy the cool temperatures in the autumn and the mountains in the winter.

I have many things I love to do, but cooking and eating on weekends after work is bliss. In the city where I grew up, there were many international cuisines such as Italian, Chinese, Indian and Japanese. My soul food is also an Italian dish, Bolognese. When I was growing up, my mum would only make this if I had done well

at school or had got along with my brother that week. It makes me feel just like it did back then.



Introduce my country!



004 Ben Harvey

From Sydney, Australia

Online/Curriculum Division / Head Office

Must keep watching... "Baby Online" The transformation of the classroom teacher bringing dreams to children!



Check out the video!



YouTube



Check out the video! Ben uses his creative sense when gardening at school!



Our teacher was an actor?!

After graduating from high school in Sydney, I attended a college to study performing arts in order to pursue my interest in acting. Then I went on to act in productions both on TV, the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Theatre where I brushed up my performing skills with each production.

I was very fortunate to be part of three productions at the world-famous Sydney Opera House!



Appreciating the beauty of nature

As I always loved the shining tranquil waters, I was fascinated by marine biology and spent most of my spare days at the beach or in the ocean. I moved from Sydney to Cairns to spend the time there diving on the Great Barrier Reef each weekend taking underwater photos.

In Japan, I have been to Okinawa and Miyakojima which are ideal places with beautiful beaches like Australia mixed with Japanese culture. Japanese art and architecture influenced by the Japanese view of nature have always fascinated me.

Where I grew up

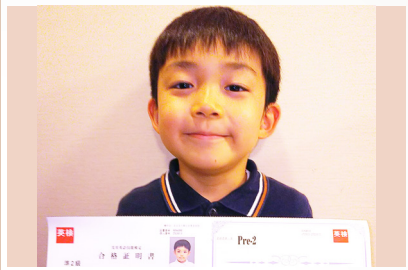
I was born in England and moved to Australia when I was 5 years old. I grew up in Sydney, which is home to some famous landmarks such as the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbor Bridge. One of my most memorable memories is the Royal Easter Show, a huge annual festival with many unique performances and events that attract people from all over Australia. Those memories bring back a lot of emotions and excitement. While at college, I moved to the central coast, a quiet region surrounded by beaches and parks with wild kangaroos roaming around.



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Entrant

H.H

School	Tokyo Honko	Grade at the exam	K3
Test date	March 2021 (The 3rd examination in 2020)		
Grade	Pre-2 (S-CBT)		
<p>What do you like about Kinder Kids!</p> <p>I could handle the exams for speaking, listening and reading with the English skills I've been learning at Kinder Kids so I could focus on my writing practice to pass the test.</p>			

<p>How I understood the questions</p> <p>Whenever I have questions, I looked up the questions at home. I asked my mother to describe things in an easy-to-understand manner while reviewing the Kinder Kids textbooks or looking at pictures in books or online. I also talked about the world news with my family.</p>	<p>Family Support</p> <p>I taught him how to use the computer, how to answer questions and how to write his name in Kanji for the S-CBT exam. I let him do what he wanted to do before studying and I tried to help him start with questions he was good at so that he could enjoy studying proactively. I tried not to miss any progress he made, even if it was small, I praised him. I consciously watched over him or gave him advice.</p>
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<p>Writing</p> <p>I picked up a few topics that were easy to write about. I memorized English sentence templates and practiced writing my original sentences based on the sentence structure. I practiced keeping the same number of words on a line so that I could keep track of the total number of words while writing. I and my mother decided how to remove and expand sentences with detailed explanations so that I would not have to rewrite from scratch if I ran over or under the number of words.</p>	<p>Studying method</p>
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<p>Vocabulary</p> <p>Learning the new words by reading for comprehension, answering questions from past exams and checking the meaning of each new word.</p>	<p>Studying method</p>	<p>Message for peers who are studying</p> <p>The environmental issues, nature and science you learn at Kinder Kids will also help you with your Eiken test. Believe what you are learning every day and work towards the goals you set for yourself. I'm sure you can succeed!</p>
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*Refer to group test site results

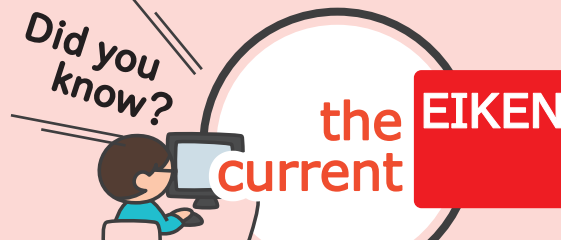
Our overall results

Kinder Kids

Test date	March 2021 (The 3rd examination in 2020)	Test takers	K3
Passing rate of Grade 4	85%	Passing rate of Grade 3	94%



Questionnaire conducted by: General Research Ltd. Survey period: February 22-25, 2019
Survey method: Internet Survey summary: Comparison of services offered by 10 English focused pre-schools
Survey participants: 1048 Japanese adults M/F aged 20-50



We live in a world where IT is increasingly being used. It's been two years since the "Eiken S-CBT test" using the computer was introduced. A Kinder Kids child took the S-CBT test and passed. Please take a look at some of the features of this more convenient test and the comments we received from the family.

Key points of the Eiken S-CBT

For Grade 3 / Pre-2 / 2 / Pre-1

Completed in one day

The Eiken S-CBT is a one-day test that measures all four skills without dividing into the first and second tests.

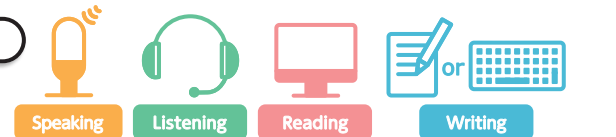
Many test dates available

Generally, Eiken S-CBT tests are held every Saturday and Sunday. Since there are more test dates available than in the past, you can take the test on any day that suits your schedule.



Taken on the computer

The Eiken S-CBT questions are displayed and answered on the computer.



Speaking using the microphone Using the mouse You can choose to write on the prepared form or input using the keyboard

Is it okay for Kinder children to take the exam by themselves?

Interview | We interviewed H.H. kun's mother from Tokyo School



The Eiken S-CBT does not have an environment or support system that is designed for young children to take the test. They take the test on the same floor with other examinees. My son was sometimes free to act in a group at school. For this reason, we checked the S-CBT website to see the flow of the test and the venue beforehand, decided what to do if he finished earlier than the designated test time or if he wanted to go to the bathroom during the test. I also told him not to touch anything

on the computer not related to the test even if he was bothered by something, etc.....over and over. This time, he was more motivated because he passed his first choice of elementary school entrance exam. I believe that what he learned in preparing for the exam, such as understanding and keeping promises, also helped him in the Eiken S-CBT test. He practiced and learned how to use the computer with a trial version on the website.

Let's try the trial version of the Eiken S-CBT! You can take the mock test it is just like the real test!





In the future, I want to have a job that allows me to travel around the world.



7 At the Young Leaders Program

Interview

English in my Future 3

K.O. san (18 years old) graduated from Kinder Kids Toyonaka School in 2009. This July, she will be entering the University of Wollongong in Australia. In the meantime, she has been working part-time at Grad Club, so we were able to listen to her story. She has a lot of travel experience and excellent academic ability. We would like to take a closer look at the path of study leading up to her admission to an overseas university.

English ability

I naturally developed my English pronunciation and listening skills at Kinder Kids, which I attended from the age of one and a half until I graduated. Thanks to those basic skills, I was able to focus on studying to increase my vocabulary and develop my English skills rapidly.

#public elementary school #private junior and senior high school #IB

After going to a public elementary school, I went to a private junior and senior high school. From the time I was in elementary school, I was able to meet the English level required when entering the senior high school so I did not have any difficulties when I transferred to the International Baccalaureate course in the English department that I wanted. In this course, curriculum and English classes are high level. Nevertheless, I enjoyed studying and I was able to achieve good grades at school. Among my classmates, I think I was able to communicate well with the native teachers. My good relationship with my teachers had a positive impact on me.

In my first year of senior high school, I wanted to see how well my English would hold up overseas, so I participated in an essay contest organized by Trinity College, affiliated with the University of Melbourne.

The University of Melbourne is one of the top universities in the world. My essay was chosen as one of the top essay by the professors of the university, and I was able to join the Young Leaders Program of the university as a scholar. I was so excited when I found out that "my English skills and writing skills had been recognized!" and this experience gave me more confidence.



I am very happy to be able to support the enthusiastic Grad Club's children. I also enjoy working here because I feel comfortable and nostalgic just being from Kinder Kids.

Overseas Experiences

I have been to the U.S., Indonesia, and Malaysia with my family. When I was in elementary school, I went to San Francisco during every summer vacation and stayed with a host family. I love to be active, and I have good memories of the camps I participated there.

In high school, I went to Indiana in the U.S. and Melbourne, Australia. In Melbourne, I stayed as a scholarship student selected through an essay contest of the Young Leaders Program. The participants were all aspiring young people from all over the world. I went to the campus of the University of Melbourne with my friends and learned about leadership skills through lectures and workshops. I was in my second year of senior high school at the time, and it was a very exciting and valuable experience for me. I still keep in touch with the friends I met in the program and my host family in the U.S., and they are the people I want to keep in touch with for the rest of my life.

"Medium" is my recommended English application

This app keeps a variety of blogs posted. When you sign up for the app, you can follow the categories you are interested in and you will get a notification saying "Your Daily Read is ready". It's convenient because it automatically picks up articles that match your interests and notifies you. I try to read at least one article a day. It's fun to be exposed to various information, values, and ideas from around the world, and it's easy to continue reading every day.

#reading skills #vocabulary #expressions



Medium official website

What I'm now looking forward to the most

I am looking forward to the day when I start attending university in Australia this summer. I have decided to study commerce and business administration to prepare for my future career. When I was in senior high school, I was involved in events such as cultural festivals, from coming up with ideas on what kind of events would be popular with everyone and implementing the events, and I really enjoyed the activities related to marketing. The university I'm going to also offers a lot of practical education, so I'm excited to see how much I can grow through my studies and what new beginnings await!

Renovation and renewal

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SAKAI SCHOOL

Kinder Kids strives to properly maintain our facilities and promote new services from a long-term perspective while operating our 25 schools in Japan and overseas.

Sakai School, which opened in 2006, will celebrate its 15th anniversary this September. In anticipation of this anniversary year, we have been working on a renewal project. Since the end of last year, we have expanded and renovated the bathrooms on the first floor, and replaced all the flooring and walls of the kinder classrooms and large gym on the second floor.

The gym has a lively design that makes us feel like we're in a world where Phonics characters live. The colorful space makes the children look even more happy and energetic and enjoy playing around. In addition, the school now prepares lunches at school. The tableware has been replaced, and freshly prepared dishes are deliciously served on one plate.

Eating is an important activity that affects physical and mental health for children's future growth. Kinder Kids places top priority on health and wellness in the course of the children's development, and we want to nurture a rich sense of taste and have children enjoy eating a wide variety of delicious food.



The most important thing we want to do is to "nurture the children's desire to eat". In cooperation with food inspectors, teachers and staff who act as the children's advocates, we seek to provide school lunch services that are well-balanced diet in terms of seasoning, quantity, cutting of ingredients and nutrition suitable for young children.

Just as some dishes are remembered as a taste of home, others are special meals served on special days, we hope that our school lunches will become a delicious memory.

The exterior of the school has been beautifully renovated, and we are now ready to start celebrating our 15th anniversary!



Let's make a four-panel comic

By PHONICS GARDEN

How was your Tanabata, the Star Festival, night this year? When we hear the romantic story about the festival that comes once a year, everyone will want to make a wish to dream. Also in the Phonics Garden, there is a boy who is dreaming on Tanabata★ Put the three sentences below in the correct box to complete the four-panel cartoon!



Waving Wizard

『Milky Way : 天の川』



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"He fell asleep and slept until morning..."

"That's the end of the Tanabata story"

"I'm going to make a spaceship to see the Milky Way!"

Reference the back cover for dialogue examples