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### **Abstract / Bio**

This presentation discusses the impact of introducing speaking activities in junior high and high school English classes. Although speaking has not been seen as the most important skill in English education in Japan for a long time, recently, teachers and researchers have been highlighting the effects of including speaking activities in English classrooms. One reason could be because more people than in the past value interactions among students in the classroom. Not only English classes but education itself is shifting to better engage students through respecting each other's ideas and opinions. Communicating with other students enables them to listen to and learn from each other, and it could be more than just a language learning experience. In addition, some research shows that students enjoy speaking activities more than activities that are focused on listening, reading, and writing. Incorporating more speaking activities in class could help students find English learning more interesting and meaningful. In this presentation, the presenter will discuss the background of English education and the benefits of introducing speaking activities with examples of possible practices.

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