

# English Lessons Even Novice Teachers Can Conduct in English Corresponding to the Revised Junior High School Government Guidelines for Teaching

## Abstract

According to the revised junior high school government guidelines for teaching English classes at junior high schools, the following phrase is added: "classes, in principle, should be conducted in English". In junior high schools, it is conventional for teachers to introduce new materials by "oral introduction" in English. However, taking differences in academic abilities into account, it is not easy to conduct classes in English only. Hence, this paper explores English classes even novice teachers can provide. Even though the phrase "classes, in principle, should be conducted in English" is added, it does not necessarily follow that teachers cannot use Japanese in preparatory handouts at all. Examples of the concrete use of handouts are presented. Furthermore, the author suggests that teachers can use Japanese on both handouts and contents of writing on a blackboard for those students who are not good at English on condition that teachers do not speak Japanese in class. By using handouts effectively, the author presents a teaching plan for novice teachers which enables the increase of out-of-class learning hours as well as active learning in classrooms.