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## Now On - "Let's Enjoy English!"

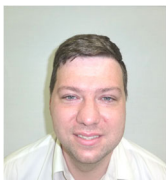
"Let's Enjoy English!" is a theme based English conversation class with an English teacher and maximum 6 students. You can get to know teacher(s) closely out of general English classes, and enjoy talking in English in a casual and friendly atmosphere for 45 minutes. There are 9 different classes a week. (This time it is held face-to-face, not online.)

The course started from **May 9** and will end on **July 25**. Participants accepted anytime. Sign up at the EEC office.

## Hello Aidai Students! - Messages from 4 New Teachers



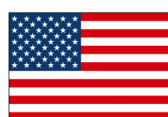
### TRAVIS BLACKBURN



Hello, My name is Travis Blackburn, and I am originally from Portland, Oregon. Portland is a medium-sized city in the Northwest United States, and we are known for rain, trees, outdoor fun, food, and rain. Not necessarily in that order.

I have spent the last five years teaching in Matsuyama, and I have loved almost every minute. As much as I love my hometown, Matsuyama is my home now, and I hope to stay here as long as I can.

If you see me on campus, please say hi! I would love to talk and get to know you!



### PAK AU



Hello everyone, my name is Pak. Although I was born in Hong Kong, I grew up in Canada. The famous Disney character, Winnie-the-Pooh (*Pooh-san*), was named after my hometown in Canada. Can you guess what my hometown is?

I have been to many places around the world and I hope to share my experiences with all of you. I am excited to be teaching at Ehime University. I have been to Shikoku before, but only as a tourist, so I am looking forward to experiencing life here as a resident.

In my spare time, I like to go hiking and play golf. I would like to explore more of Shikoku, so if you have any recommendations, feel free to let me know! If you see me around campus, please say hello!



## A Farewell from a Memorable EEC Teacher

### TRACY FRIEDRICH

Dear EEC students, faculty and staff,

It was my pleasure to teach and work with you all the past two years. Ehime University Students you are amazing, talented and smart. Your academic studies are so important and you have made good choices. You have found faculties that suit your personalities and interests. I am sure you will be top professionals in the future. Please follow

### SCOTT WEBBER



Hi everyone, My name is Scott Webber and I'm from Victoria, British Columbia in Canada. Victoria is located on the west coast of Canada and is very close to Vancouver.

I've lived in Matsuyama since 2015. Before then, I lived in Doha, Qatar for 12 years. It was a great experience, but it gets very hot. During the summer, the temperature can get as high as 56 degrees Celsius.

In my free time, I like to go touring on my bicycle. The last place I went to on a two day trip was with my son to Misaki Port in Ehime. I also spend my free time reading, writing and hanging out with my family. If you see me on campus, please say hello.



### SILVALOU KADOTA



Hi! My name is Silvalou but you can call me Sylvia. I come from a country with more than 7,000 islands, the Philippines!

I have been living in Japan for the last two decades and I just love life here. Matsuyama is very similar to the city where I was born and raised. I love the majestic mountains and the beautiful beaches nearby. My husband and I try to keep fit by going on long walks. We also love going to cafes and exploring new places.



Let's all have fun discovering new horizons in English. Nice meeting you all!



your dreams and your heart. My best advice for you is to ask questions! As your teachers, ask your friends, ask your *sempai* and others in your life for advice and knowledge. Good luck! My dear faculty and staff it was a quick two years, thank you for such a good experience teaching at Ehime University. This was a great team to be a part of. Thank you for the beautiful flowers!



**Upcoming Events**

GTEC Academic (Online)  
for 1st year students

Jul 19 - 29

Exemption for English IV  
(外部試験による成績判定申請)

Jul 25 - Aug 5

Open Campus

Aug 9 - 10

School Holiday

Aug 7 - Sep 23

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**How I Improved My English Skills -Part 1-**

**Miharu KOBAYASHI (Faculty of Law & Letters)**

Don't you want to know the studying method of a student who got a score of 920 on the TOEIC test? Read Miharu's way of improving her English skills. This is part one of her essay.

I would like to introduce you about what I keep in my mind to improve my English skills. I hope this will help you a lot when you study English. There are two main points.

**■ Starting small and keep studying**

The most important thing to acquire English abilities is "Keep studying". In my opinion, for example, you may feel improvement if you study ten minutes every day rather than 2 hours on weekends. In fact, my TOEIC score became better when I studied vocabulary every day. Also, you should start easy tasks to keep studying English. It would be great if you try to solve English problems or read long articles. However, in most cases, it will be hard to keep it up for a long time. Instead of doing those heavy ones, you should try something much easier



and easier to keep learning English like listening to songs or watching movies in English. Please find out your own way of studying which enables you to enjoying it.

**■ Try to take official exams (even if you don't need it)**

Aside from just learning vocabulary or grammar for English conversations, I have tried to take exams such as TOEFL, IELTS, Eiken or TOEIC to improve my skills. This has helped me. First thing is that by taking those exams, I was constantly motivated to study English more. This is because I will try to get a better score and make a schedule to study constantly. Another thing is that those exams are included English words or phrases that are considered to be used in real life, so studying them really enhanced your overall English abilities. You should acquire practical English skills through the tests.

**My Days in the UK -Episode 3-**

**Tatsuya KOBAYASHI (Graduate of Faculty of Law & Letters)**

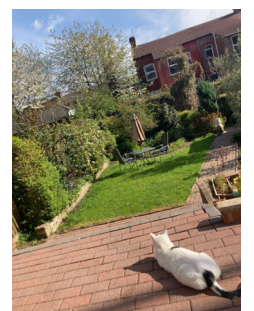
Having lived in England for about a year, I have noticed that British culture is very unique and different from Japanese. Interestingly, though, I have spotted a number of similarities as well. As living abroad is more about learning the culture rather than just learning the language, it has been a fairly interesting experience.

Knowing other cultures also enables you to appreciate your own culture. Although I have never felt homesick for some reason, I still look forward to going back to Japan. What I miss most is food. To no one's surprise, it is way better in Japan and I am pretty sure it is not because I am Japanese that I feel that way.

If I mention one thing that I thought to be better here in England, it is the friendliness of people, regardless of where you are from. I assume they are accustomed to a globalised society and no one stares at you just because you are a foreigner, which is likely to happen in Japan.

As for language, it is advisable to have certain English skills before studying abroad. 'Certain' is such a vague word, so I simply

advise you to improve your English as much as you can while you are in Japan. The better skills you have, the richer your experience will be. In my opinion, it is a bit wasteful to learn basic things (particularly grammar) during study abroad, for they could be learned in Japan. Fortunately, you have experienced teachers who are always willing to help you at university. You can also access a variety of English materials for free (I owe them a lot). You may even have peer students who are as passionate about learning English as you. It will not be easy to have such an amazing environment, once you have graduated. Do take advantage of it while you can.



If you missed the chance to study abroad or had to give it up, there is nothing to worry about. I came to England after working for 2 years and I do not think it was too late. Opportunities are always out there, unless you stop seeking them.

Good luck with your learning journey.



This is the last episode by Tatsuya. You can read the other two from these codes.

