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## **Using Educational Drama as an Alternative Teaching Method for Teaching English at Primary School**

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Since the English language curriculum was introduced to the primary schools in Japan, teachers have tried various English language activities. Nowadays, it seems that these teachers follow a systematic and topic-based curriculum. Common activities used in the curriculum are language games and songs. Introducing Educational Drama as an alternative teaching method was a new attempt in primary schools in Fukuoka, however both teachers and students responded well to this unique way of learning that involve them through a experienced-based learning.