

# Hokkaido English Challenge 2015

## Junior High School Test

### Test 1

This test manuscript contains 11 pages (including this page). There should be enough duplicates of page 9, page 10, and page 11 to give a fresh copy to each student. There should also be one blank page for each student for note taking. Please make sure you received all pages now.

If the test envelope does not contain the full 11 pages of the test manuscript plus enough student supplements, please conduct the test as far as possible, and then contact the HEC Test Coordinator immediately afterwards:

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**\*\*ATTENTION!\*\***

- There are **six sections** in this test.
- Please carefully read the directions before beginning each section.
- Some sections are timed while others are not.
- Students may take notes in certain sections.
- The student is NOT allowed to bring any notes into the test room.
- The student is NOT allowed to take notes during sections 1 and 2 of this test
- The student is allowed to take notes during sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of this test.

Please watch the video immediately following the administration of the test. It is your responsibility to ensure that all your video entries are recorded properly. Improperly recorded tests will significantly limit your student's chances of success. HEC is not obliged to allow a retest or offer a refund.

**CHECK YOUR RECORDINGS BEFORE YOU MAIL THEM!**

## **SECTION ONE: WARM-UP QUESTIONS**

This is a warm-up section. Please speak slowly and clearly. In step 3, please select questions you think your student will be most comfortable with. Remember that this is supposed to be fun; smile!

- Questions may be repeated once (asked twice in total).
- There is NO time limit.
- The student may NOT take notes.

**Step 1:** Please read the following introductory statement:

“Section One: Warm-up questions. I will ask you some easy questions.”

**Step 2:** Please ask the student both the following required questions:

1. What is your name?
2. How are you today?

**Step 3:** Please ask the student five additional questions from the following list. Please choose questions that you believe your student will be most comfortable with.

- What is your favorite color?
- What is the weather like?
- How old are you?
- When is your birthday?
- Do you like Pizza?
- Where do you live?
- How many brothers do you have?
- Who teaches you English?
- What is your favorite fruit?
- Do you have a hobby?
- Can you play the piano?
- Where do you go to school?
- Can you ride a bicycle?
- What is today’s date?
- What time is it?

## SECTION TWO: PICTURE QUESTIONS

In this section, the student will be given a picture (Section 2: Picture – Student Copy). You will ask the student three required questions, and then the student will ask you three questions about the picture. Please give brief, relevant responses to your student’s questions.

- Questions addressed to the student may be repeated once (asked twice in total).
- There is an initial ONE MINUTE time limit to look at the picture and prepare. Following this initial minute, there is NO time limit.
- You MAY give a warning when there are 30 seconds left to look at the picture.
- The student may NOT take notes.

**Step 1:** Give the student the supplement titled Section 2: Picture – Student Copy

**Step 2:** Read the following introductory statement: “Section Two: Picture Questions. Please look at this picture for one minute, then I will ask you three questions.”

**Step 3:** Once one minute has elapsed, ask the student the following questions one by one. Allow the student to respond between each question. Do not show the student the written questions. You may repeat each question once (asked twice in total).

1. How many animals are in the picture?
2. What is the rabbit doing?
3. What is this? (point to the chicken)

**Step 4:** Have the student ask you three questions about the picture. Suggested sentence: “Great! Now, please ask me three questions.” Please give brief and relevant responses to your student’s questions.



## SECTION THREE: READING COMPREHENSION

In this section, the student will read a passage first silently and then aloud. The student will then be asked to respond to five comprehension questions.

- The student will have an initial limit of THREE MINUTES to silently look over the text. Following this time, there is NO time limit.
- You MAY give a warning when there are 30 seconds left to look at the passage.
- The student MAY take notes.
- Questions may be repeated an UNLIMITED number of times.

**Step 1:** Give the student the text passage on the page titled Section 3: Reading Passage – Student Copy.

**Step 2:** Read the following introductory statement: “Section Three: Reading Comprehension. Please read this text silently. You have three minutes.”

**Step 3:** After three minutes have elapsed, stop the student and have him or her read the text out loud to you. Suggested sentence: “OK. Now please read the text to me.”

**Step 4:** Please ask the student the following five questions. Allow the student to respond between each question. You may repeat the questions as many times as necessary.

1. Where is Ken?
2. What did Ken have for lunch?
3. How many pieces of pizza did Ken eat?
4. What will Ken do tomorrow?
5. Who will Ken see play baseball?

Dear Taro,

How are you? I really like New York. I wish you were here. Yesterday we went shopping all day. We had pizza for lunch and after we had ice cream. I love the pizza here. It has lots of cheese and meat on it. I ate a pizza all by myself, all ten pieces!

Tomorrow we are going to a baseball game. I’m very excited. I will see Ichiro play. He is a very good baseball player. Do you like playing baseball? Let’s play together when I get back.

From,  
Ken

## SECTION FOUR: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

In this section, you will read a passage twice to the student and then ask four questions about the content.

- There is NO time limit.
- The student MAY take notes.
- The student may NOT see the text.
- The questions are asked only ONCE before the reading, but they may be repeated an UNLIMITED number of times after the text has been read.

**Step 1:** Read the following introductory sentence to the student: "Section Four: Listening Comprehension. You can take notes. There are four questions. First, I will read all the questions. Then, I will read the story two times. Then, I will ask you the four questions again, and you can give the answers. Here are the four questions:" (Questions are found following step 4.)

**Step 2:** Please slowly and clearly ask the student questions one through four. Do NOT leave enough time for the student to write down the questions word for word.

**Step 3:** Read the text twice with a small pause between the readings. Do NOT show the text to the student.

**Step 4:** Ask the student questions one through four again. Allow the student to respond between each question.

1. How old is Sara?
2. What does Greg like to do?
3. What did Greg and Sara do together on Sunday?
4. What did Greg and Sara do with the chocolate?

**Text:** (Do NOT show student)

Greg and Sara are friends. Greg is 11 and Sara is 13. Greg likes to watch TV and cook. Sara likes to snowboard and play basketball. Both children like to play soccer

On Sunday, they went to the park to play soccer. After they played soccer, they went to the store and bought chocolate. Finally, they ate the chocolate together. Before they went home Sara said "What a great day!"

## SECTION FIVE: COMIC/SCENE DESCRIPTION:

In this section, the student will look at a simple comic and describe what he or she sees and thinks is happening.

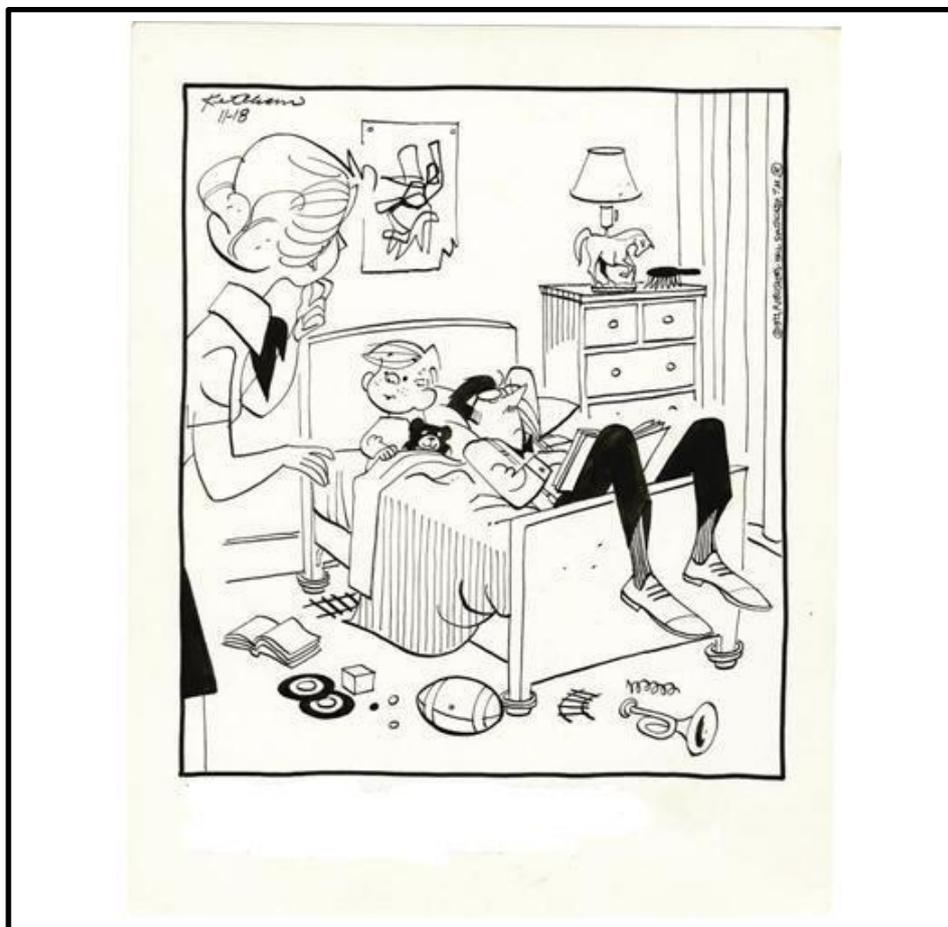
- The student has THREE MINUTES of preparation time and TWO MINUTES to respond.
- You MAY give the student a 30 second warning before each of the time limits is up.
- The student MAY take notes.

**Step 1:** Give the student the page titled Section 5: Comic – Student Copy.

**Step 2:** Read the following introductory sentence: “Section Five: Comic Description. Please look at this picture for three minutes. Then, please tell me about it. You can use a pen and paper to make notes.”

**Step 3:** Allow the student to review the comic for three minutes. You may warn the student when there are only 30 seconds left.

**Step 4:** Once three minutes has elapsed, ask the student to tell you about the comic in two minutes. Suggested sentence: “Please tell me about this comic. You have two minutes. Ready? Go.” You may warn the student when there are only 30 seconds left.



## SECTION SIX: TWENTY QUESTIONS

In this section, you take on the identity of a person, a place, or a thing. The student has six minutes to ask you 20 yes/no questions to gather information in order to determine your identity. You must take on the identity of the person, place, or thing indicated below. Information about each is provided. Please read the information before beginning this section.

- The student MAY take notes.
- Should the student guess your identity in fewer than 20 questions, you may play again using one of the remaining two identities. However the limit of 20 questions does NOT reset and the student will only have the remaining questions from the first round to determine the second identity.
- The game ends after six minutes, after a total of 20 questions have been asked, or after all three identities have been determined, whichever comes first.
- Please warn your student when there are only two questions left.
- You MAY warn the student when there is 30 seconds left.
- If you do not know the answer to a question, you may respond with “I don’t know,” and that question will NOT count towards the 20-question limit.
- You may only respond to questions that can be answered in a yes/no structure. However, nuanced answers such as “maybe,” “sometimes,” etc. may be given if a definite answer cannot be given. Please be sure your nuanced answer does not give excessive information. These questions WILL count towards the 20-question limit.

**Step 1:** Please read all the directions, rules, and identity descriptions before beginning this section.

**Step 2:** Please choose one of the three identities listed below that you believe the student would know best.

CATEGORY	IDENTITY
Person	Taylor Swift
Place	Disney Land (Orlando, Florida)
Thing	Bento Box

**Step 3:** Read the following introductory sentence: “Section 6: 20 Questions. We have six minutes. You can take notes. Please ask me yes-or-no questions. *\*pause\** I’m a \_\_\_\_\_.” (Insert “person,” “place,” or “thing” as appropriate.) Please keep a tally of how many questions are asked.

## **Person-Taylor Swift**

- American singer/songwriter of country/pop music
- Born in Pennsylvania
- Is 22
- Has won multiple awards including 6 Grammy's (best album, best country album/song etc.), 4 American music, 6 Billboard, 7 Country Music Association, 8 Teen Choice, 4 People's Choice, 3 Kid's Choice, 3 Academy of Country Music, 3 MTV Europe, 1 MTV Video, 2 Radio Disney and 1 YouTube music awards.
- Famous songs include "Our Song" "Love Story" "Shake It Off" "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" and "You Belong With Me"
- Dated Joe Jonas of the Jonas Brothers and Taylor Lautner from Twilight

## **Place-Walt Disney World Resort (Disney World)**

- Theme park in Orlando, Florida
- The most visited vacation resort in the world with 52.5 million visitors annually
- Property covers 27,258 acres, 27 theme resort hotels, 9 non-Disney hotels, 4 theme parks, 2 water parks, 4 golf courses and multiple other entertainment venues
- Magic Kingdom was the first park to open, followed by Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom
- This opened to supplement Disneyland in Anaheim, California, which had opened in 1955. Disneyworld was developed by Walt Disney, although he died before construction began.

## **Thing-Bento Box**

- A container used to pack a single portion of takeout or home-packed food.
- Readily available in many places throughout Japan, ranging in quality and price from cheap plastic at the 100 yen shop to thousands of yen and far sturdier wood or lacquerware.
- Bento culture spread in the Edo period (according to Wikipedia), and were used to bring lunch to school in the Meiji period as early schools did not provide lunch.

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The test is now over. Please congratulate your student for his or her hard work. Collect all papers and test materials from the student. The student may NOT leave with any notes or testing materials.

**SECTION 2: PICTURE QUESTIONS - STUDENT COPY**



## **SECTION 3: READING COMPREHENSION- STUDENT COPY**

**Dear Taro,**

**How are you? I really like New York. I wish you were here. Yesterday we went shopping all day. We had pizza for lunch and after we had ice cream. I love the pizza here. It has lots of cheese and meat on it. I ate a pizza all by myself, all ten pieces!**

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SECTION 5: COMIC - STUDENT COPY

