



Compelling Conversations – Japan: Essential Speaking Activities

Streamlined for small conversation classes and private tutoring, this essential collection of speaking activities for Japanese learners of English helps students describe their lives, share experiences and develop critical thinking skills in context.

LOS ANGELES - Jan. 23, 2018 - [PRLog](#) -- Chimayo Press is pleased to release *Compelling Conversations – Japan: Essential Speaking Activities and Popular Excerpts for High-Intermediate Japanese English Language Learners*.

Written by a team of experienced English teachers, *Essential Speaking Activities* was designed for grab-and-go English lessons and private tutoring. Organized within 12 thematic chapters, this abridged text highlights six fundamental classroom exercises per chapter from Chimayo's full-length EFL textbook for Japanese learners to promote authentic conversation. As a result, Japanese ELLs learn to describe their lives, share experiences, and develop critical thinking skills in context. Activities include:

- Sharing Experiences – A set of 15 topical pair conversation questions that introduce each chapter.
- Photographs to Start Conversations – A small group activity centered around visual analysis and discussion.
- Paraphrasing Proverbs – Deepen critical thinking and build paraphrasing skills using sets of proverbs from all over the world.
- Pronunciation Practice – Improve English pronunciation by focusing on common problem areas unique to Japanese learners of English.
- Discussing Quotations – Help students form and express opinions by evaluating famous English quotations from a variety of cultural and political figures.
- Search and Share – Teach students to summarize and synthesize information this topical research-based internet activity and have them share their findings in class.

Authors Eric H. Roth, Shiggy Ichinomiya and Brent Warner, with over 40 years' combined working experience – 17 of those in Japan alone – offer invaluable insight into the world of both learning and teaching English as a Second Language. Prioritizing the specific needs of Japanese learners, these fluency-focused activities present many opportunities for college students and adult professionals to develop, deepen, and practice their English speaking skills. "Speaking fluent English is becoming increasingly important across Asia, including Japan," notes Roth, a master lecturer at the University of Southern California (USC) and four-time *Compelling Conversations* co-author. "Our book helps Japanese English language learners create authentic, positive experiences in our difficult, strange tongue."

Meanwhile, *Compelling Conversations – Japan* has developed a small following among English teaching professionals. Lisa Mojsin, author of *Mastering the American Accent*, notes: "It's more than just a

conversation book; it's also a cross-cultural awareness book, filled with proverbs and cultural insights."

"*Compelling Conversations - Japan* is a fantastic resource for English instructors and students," adds Dr. JJ Polk, author of *English in Global Contexts*. "The stimulating task expand the learner's knowledge and promote quick acquisition of important lexical phrases for active use in a real-world context. This latest version is a must-have volume for high intermediate and advanced Japanese students who are interested in improving oral skills in English."

Chimayo Press (<http://www.chimayopress.com>), a Los Angeles-based publisher of niche books that create compelling conversations, deepen relationships, and celebrate the human spirit, continues to expand with this latest release. The original *Compelling Conversations* ESL book has found audiences across the world in over 50 countries and established a reputation with English teachers, online tutors, and conversational clubs alike. Another collection of excerpts from *Compelling Conversations - Japan*, featuring all the Search and Share webquest activities, is also available as an ebook through Amazon Kindle.

***Essential Speaking Activities*: \$2.99**

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