

## Eiken Grade 2 2016-1B

### **Changes in the Classroom**

Until recently, students mainly just listened quietly to their teachers. Today, however, education experts point out that the importance of having time for classroom discussion. Some teachers, give their students such time, and by doing so they encourage students to exchange different ideas and opinions. In the future, students will be expected to play a more active role in classroom learning.

Your story should begin with this sentence: One day, Miki and Taro were talking about a presentation for their history class.



No. 1 According to the passage, how do some teachers encourage students to exchange different ideas and opinions?

No. 2 Now please look at the picture and describe the situation. You have 20 seconds to prepare. Your story should begin with the sentence on the card.

Now Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_, please turn the card over and put it down.

No. 3 Some people say that high school students should learn other foreign languages in addition to English at school. What do you think about that?

No. 4 These days, some people put solar panels on their houses to produce electricity. Do you think the number of these people will increase in the future?

Yes. → Why?

No. → Why Not?

- No. 1 By giving their students time for classroom discussion.
- No. 2 One day, Miki and Taro were talking about a presentation for their history class. Miki said to him, "Let's go to the library today." Later at the library, Miki was borrowing some books. Taro was thinking of preparing for the presentation with the books. Before the presentation, Taro was giving his classmates handouts. Miki was hoping that their presentation would be successful.
- No. 3 I agree. Not all countries in the world use English. It's important to have people who can communicate in other languages, too.
- I disagree. It is hard to learn two languages at the same time. Students should concentrate only on English.
- No. 4 Yes. More people want to do things to help the environment. It's cleaner to make electricity with solar panels.
- No. Buying solar panels is too expensive for most people. Also, many houses don't have enough space for them.