



Hello, everyone!

Many students have enjoyed Sakura Café regular sessions since September, improving their speaking skills.

Charles left for America to return to his hometown, in upstate New York, and is attending the master course to become a high school teacher. Stewart, a new Canadian teacher, joined us and he has been hosting very interesting sessions!

## Messages from the teachers

'I thought how unpleasant it is to be locked out; and I thought how it is worse, perhaps, to be locked in'. - Virginia Wolf

(Aric)

Another turning point, a fork stuck in the road. Time grabs you lay the wrist, directs you where to go. So make the best of this test and don't ask why. It's not a question, but a lesson I learned in time. It's something unpredictable, but in the end it's right. I hope you had the time of your life. – Greenday

(Lane)

“When a thoughtless or unkind word is spoken, best tune out.”  
–Ruth Bader Ginsburg

(Emma)

Hello, everyone! My name is Stewart and I'm your new English teacher.  
I'm from Nova Scotia, a small part of Canada where the seafood is very good and the weather is very bad. I've taught in Russia and Czechia, and I came to Japan one year ago.  
I know that the best way to learn a language is to try speaking it.  
Come to the Sakura Café and (as we say in English) give it a shot! I'll see you there.

(Stewart)

It has been a pleasure to help plant the seed that is Sakura café and a privilege to watch it blossom into such a wonderful Cherry tree.

(Charles)

The best way to learn language is to use it. Why don't you come to Sakura Café and use English? You will definitely improve your speaking, listening, writing, and reading skills in English. The more you use English, the better you learn English. Stay positive and try hard.

(Seijiro Takenaka)

Why don't you come to Sakura Café? We have many exciting games.  
Let's play these games with English teachers!

We can enjoy conversations and improve English skills. I'm looking forward to playing games with you!

(Rina Oguchi)

I am excited that the regular sessions started in September at last! Stewart, the new Canadian teacher, is another wonderful instructor for you. Enjoy the sessions as much as you can!  
(Naoko Ishikawa)

## Messages from the attendees



For the first time, I went to Sakura café at the invitation of my friends. I hadn't spoken with native speakers so I was very nervous. But in fact, native speakers made me relax with the games. Then I made it through Sakura café. I can learn a lot how to communicate with foreigners from her.

(Ms. Y.T Grade 2)

I've been joining Sakura Café for a year. At the Café, we can learn a lot not only English but also cultural things. For example, we share our own thoughts about some topics

such as movies, music, social issues, and so on. I think this Cafe is a big, big opportunity for you because you can see other points of views.

(Ms. S.H Grade 2)

Does it seem to be tough to talk with native teachers? Does it have to be easy for only the people who are good at English? They are false assumptions. Although I'm in a better grade in English, I'm not good at talking. But, by continuing to attend Sakura Café with the helpful teachers, you improve your talking skill. Now that you're the students of this school, you won't have the choice to waste this chance!

(Mr. H.A Grade 2)

I had a great time at Sakura café!

(Ms. A.M Grade 2)

It was so fun! Let's talk with each other at Sakura café.

(Ms. T. N Grade 2)

I participated in Sakura Café at the school after a long absence. I participated in an online Sakura Café during closure of the school. However, I felt that Sakura Café at the school was more fun for me. The most fun topic is a message painter game. In this game, other people say words in English in various ways and we draw it on the black board with blindfolds. When I took the blindfold off, a funny picture was painted there.

I could speak English through a game naturally and it was a very pleasant place. I look forward to the next Sakura Café.

(Mr. K.H Grade 2)

I enjoyed the last Sakura Cafe! It was my first time to join there, but I was relaxed to speak. Next week, I am going to go to Sakura Cafe!

(Ms. S.T Grade 1)