

A short Introduction to A-Go Man Products

What are A-Go Man Products?

Since I began teaching English in Nagoya in 1991, I felt a need for materials that were suited for the unique needs of Japanese children, allowed flexibility in method and curriculum, and were of high quality. The A-Go Man Products were developed to satisfy these needs.

Suitability

Children learning English as a foreign language are exposed to the language as little as once a week. Japanese speakers have additional unique challenges when faced with the foreign sounds, scripts, and structure of English. Materials used in their classes need to address these unique challenges, particularly with phonics teaching.

Flexibility

Each child is different, and each class presents new situations. Teaching materials should allow the teacher to adjust to the fluid dynamics of an active classroom. A set of cards can be used in many various ways, and has an element of randomness and adventure. With a library of dozens of card sets, a creative teacher can respond to the needs of each class, each moment, smoothly.

Worksheets that are not bound together (as with a workbook or text) can be issued in serial order to each individual student as they progress, or repeated, or skipped ahead, or done in unison as a class. Students can progress at their own individual rate, without impeding or distracting their classmates.

A-Go Man Products can be used to supplement an established text-based curriculum, to add activities to a class plan, to provide a separate phonics course, to provide just homework or written tasks, or to provide an entire text-free curriculum.

Quality

A-Go Man Products are not cheap. They are constructed to be used daily by active learners for years.