



## Upcoming Meetings

*At the Hamamatsu ZaZa City 5<sup>th</sup> floor Palette Center*

June 8, Sunday, 1:00pm – 4:30pm

### **Can High School Students Read and Enjoy Stories in English?**

Have you ever stood in front of a class of junior high or high school students who gave you that look of “Oh no, here we go again”? Conversation and basic structures are important and can be fun, but are there other things that can spark students interest too?

Ms. Atsuko Takase has been using a relatively new idea in her high school, as an English teacher in the Osaka area. This idea is using stories, written in English, that are dramatic and suspenseful. She has found that once reluctant students have begun to show more interest when they are guided to read stories that are appropriate to their levels.

Ms. Takase is part of a nationwide movement of teachers in both secondary schools and universities, and the teaching method they are trying is called “extensive reading”. Often this means giving students the chance to choose a story that they find interesting. What ways do these teachers present and use stories to encourage students’ interest and motivation? Please come and find out!

After the main meeting with Ms. Takase, there will be a break, and then a chance for individual teachers to demonstrate their teaching ideas.

If you have questions, please check our [JALT website](#), or contact Dan Frost at 053-460-7956 or you can also contact Dan at his e-mail:

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See you in June.