



# Bored of your English Board?

Some helpful ideas to spice up your board!

# Goal

Learn practical ideas on how to maximize the use of English boards.

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**Why?**

An English board can get students to be more interested in English both inside and outside of the classroom.



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English Boards give you a chance to share your world and helps students to reflect on what they've learned and engage with the ALT more.

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# 01 Types of Boards



# Some Types of Boards:

A poster

A wall

A large board

A board on wheels

Online

Section of a board

A small board



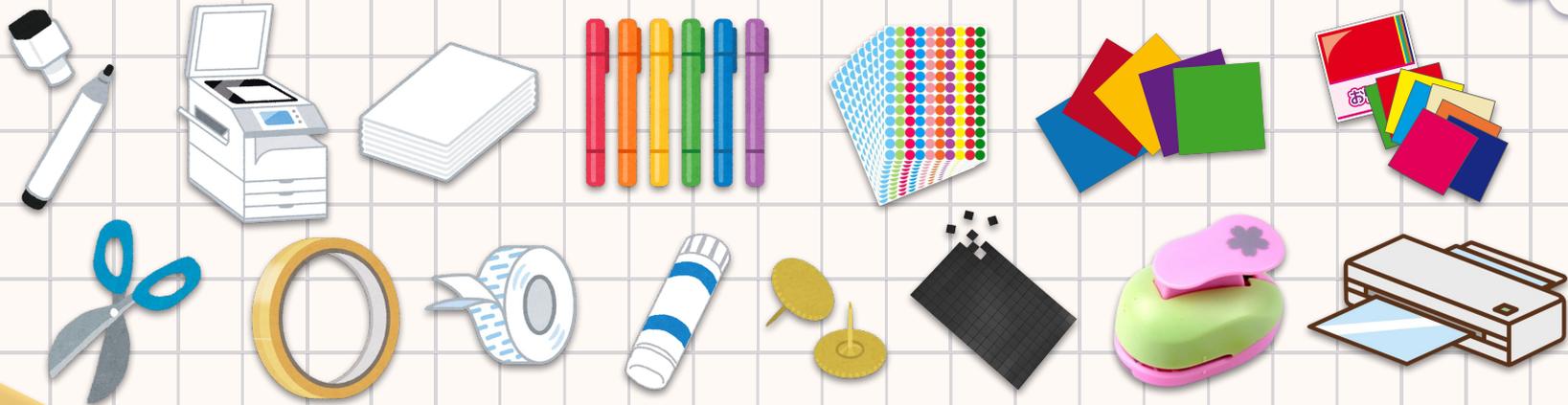
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# How to Use What You've Been Given



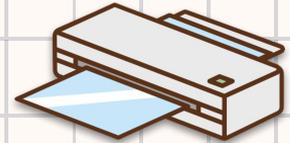
# How to Use What You've Been Given

Every school should have materials available for you, but these materials differ from school to school. Whether you're willing to spend at the 100 yen store or not, here's what you likely have access to:



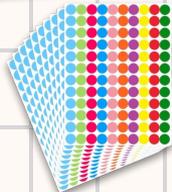
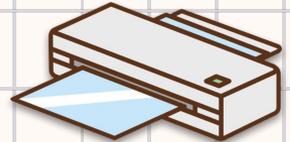
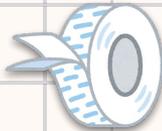
# Low Maintenance Materials

Maybe you're very busy at school, or you aren't a very hands-on person; printing everything out, and even laminating them for future use could be/is your way to go.



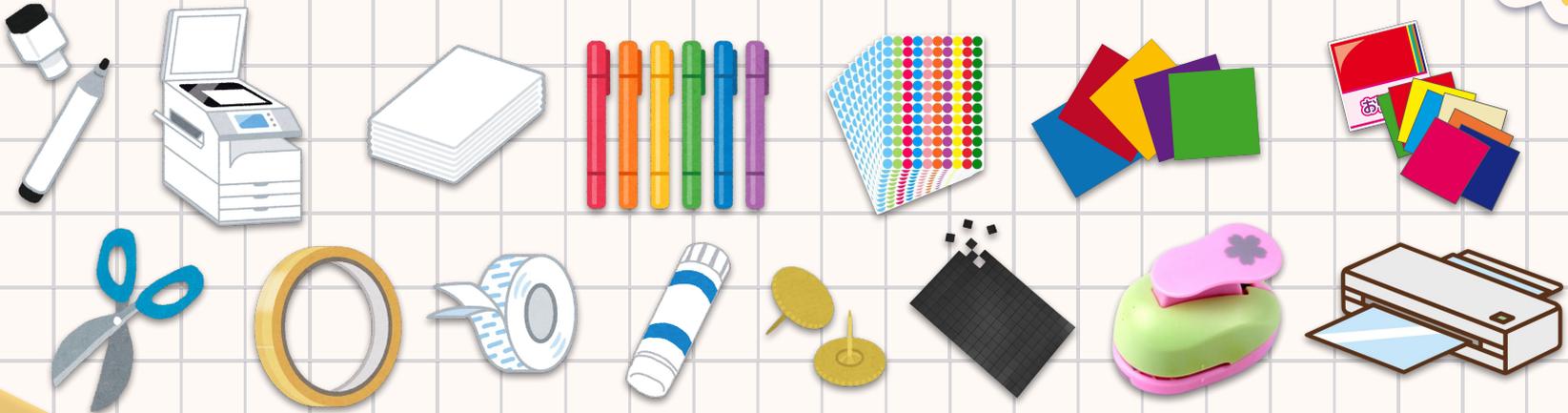
# Middle Maintenance Materials

Maybe you don't want to use too much ink from your school's printer, or there's some things you can't (find to) print, etc.; maybe these are the materials you'd use when you have a little time on your hands.



# High Maintenance Materials

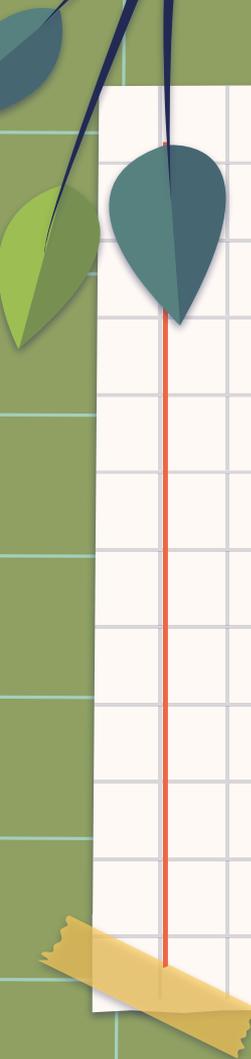
Or maybe, you have lots of time on your hands and like to do a lot for your board. Whether you use these all at once or change around what you use, these might be the materials you'd use.



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# Figuring Out Your Board





**Theme**

**Content**

**Medium**

**Staples**

**Frequency**



## Theme

Will you use a theme or go without one? Maybe you want to focus on English activities or maybe you want a theme to match the month, season, or an upcoming holiday. Maybe you want to teach students about a subject and theme it around that.



## Content

Once you've figured out your theme, what's the content going into your board? What you you want to showcase? Do you want to incorporate an activity or simply talk about display information?



## Medium

What materials will you use to accomplish your board? How hands-on do you want to be and how much time do you have? Maybe you'll use mostly printed materials, mostly handmade materials, or a mix of both. Consider the content of your board and how you want to display them.



## Staples

What the consistencies of your board, if you have any? Do you have an ALT corner? Or a “\_\_\_ of the month”? A birthday corner? A calendar of the month’s events? A mailbox for students to interact with?



## Frequency

How often do you/will you switch out your board? Is it monthly? Every season? Or are there parts of your board you change every week? Depending on your school's workload, consider the best pace for you to work on your board.



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# How to Make Your Board More Interactive



# How to Make Your Board More Interactive:

## Challenges

Create challenges for students to do in exchange for stickers!

## Matching

Use magnets or velcro for a fun matching game!

## Mailbox

Let students write letters to the ALTs!

## Puzzles

Laminate a crossword or word search!

## Polls

Use stickers, tallys, or a poll box to have students vote on something!

## Cutouts

Provide shaped cutouts for students to draw on and display on the board!

And many more! I also like using info flaps!



# Examples:

Word Search!



Tip:  
Laminate crosswords  
and word searches so  
they can be used again  
and again.

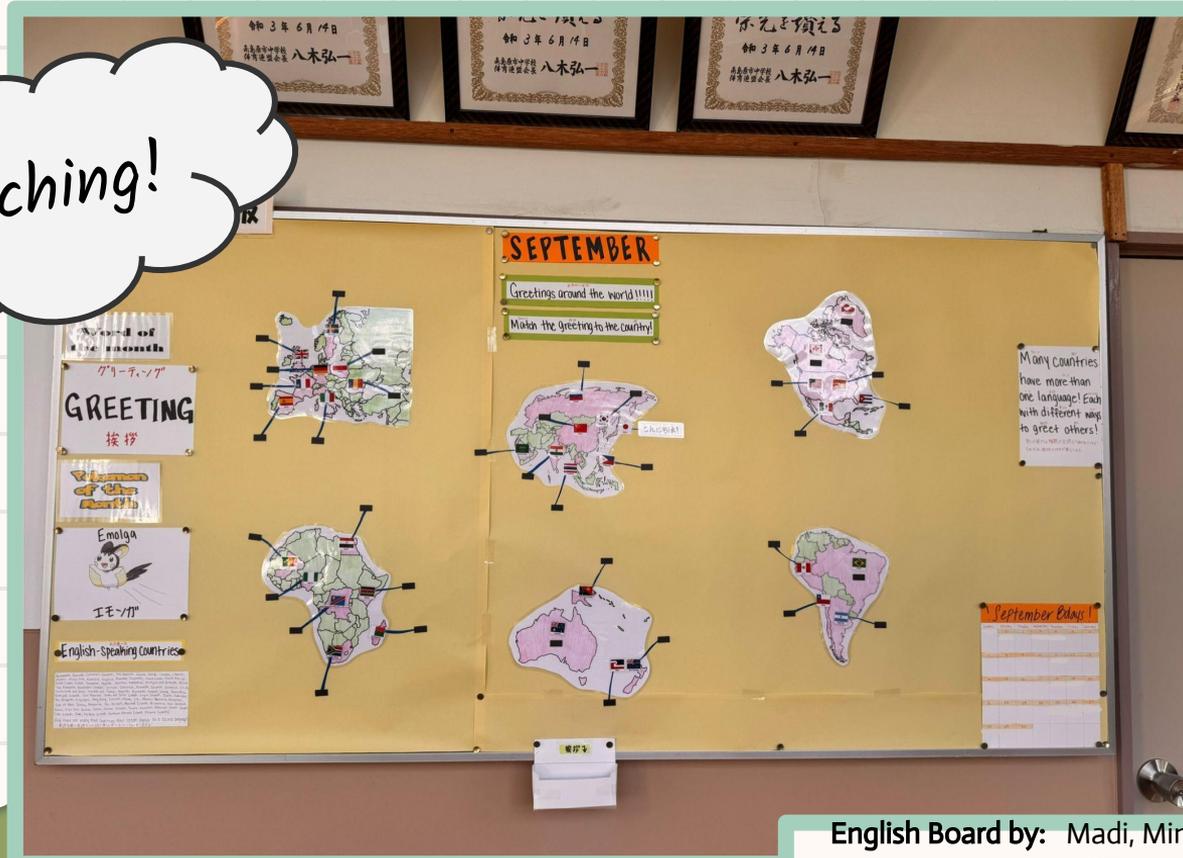
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Matching!

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# Examples:

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# Examples:

cutouts!



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# Let's try planning a board for December!

(or January)



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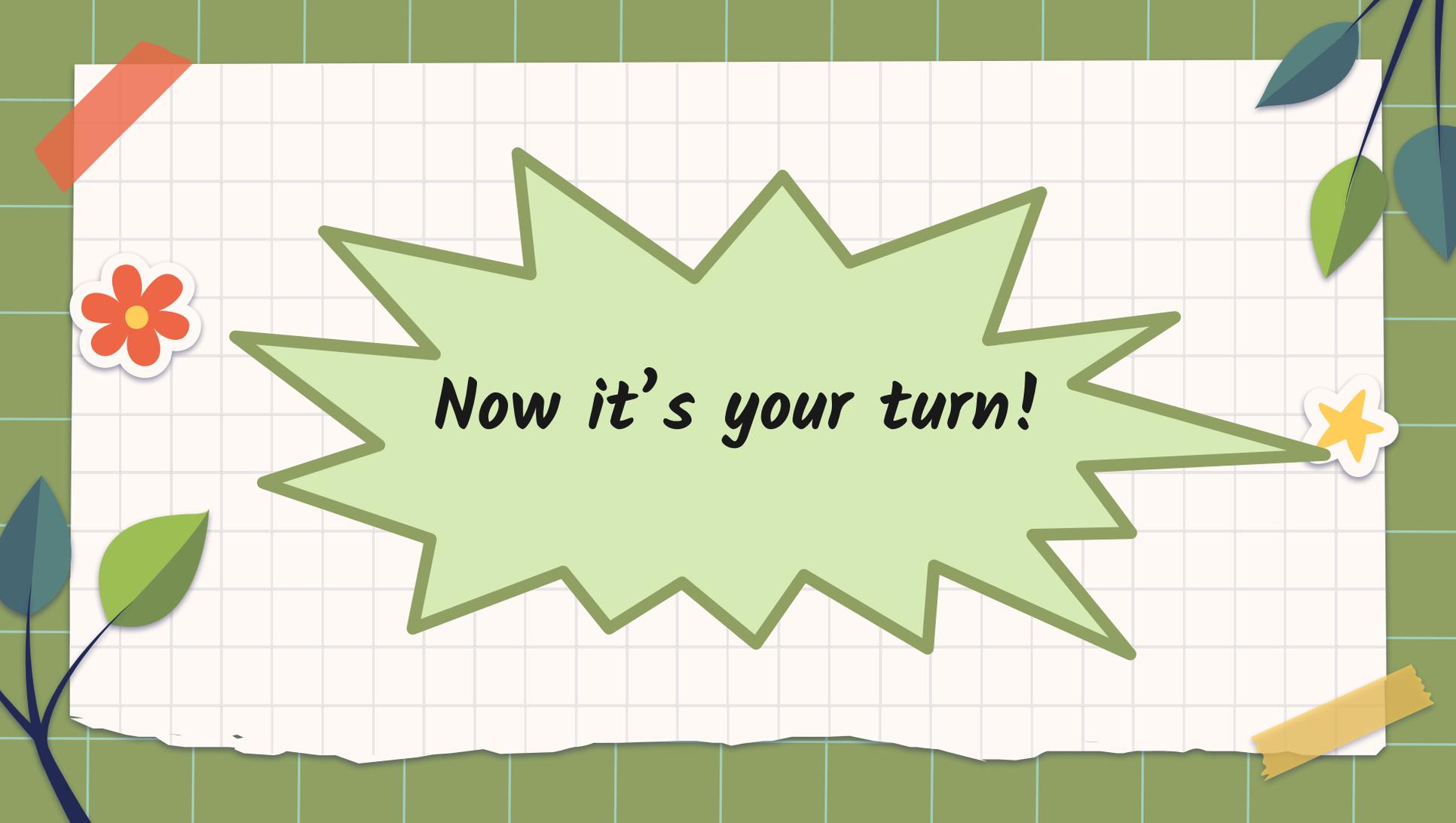


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*Now it's your turn!*