



Say It in a Better Way

いろいろな言い方で
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ハロー！LLセンターのジョーです！今月は、英会話をもっとおもしろく豊かにするヒントを教えちゃうよ。
みんながまず英語の教科書で習う表現は“Usual Way(一般的な言い方)”。基本的な言い方で子どもにとってはいいけれど、これだけじゃちょっとつまらない。
英語に慣れてきたら、“Better Way(もっとおもしろい言い方)”にも挑戦してみようね！

Hello everyone! I'm Joe from the LL Center in Tokyo. We hope this month's English article will help you speak better English! Most English textbooks will have the “Usual Way” to speak. But for everyday life, sometimes the “Better Way” is more interesting. For kids, the “Usual Way” is fine but boring. The “Better Way” is easier, faster and MORE friendly!

Let's start with introductions. If you meet someone new, it's nice to greet them, say your name, and maybe shake their hand. This is a very friendly manner.

まずは自己紹介から。初対面の人に会ったときはあいさつして、名前を言って、握手をするんだね。

For example:

Usual Way	Better Way
A. Hello. Nice to meet you. My name is Tommy.	A. Hi. I'm Tommy. Nice meeting you.
B. Hello, Tommy. My name is Patty. Nice to meet you, too.	B. Hi, Tommy. I'm Patty. Nice meeting you, too.

Next, let's go to greetings. We say them every day to our family and friends. If we repeat the same thing many times, it's not very interesting. It's better to change it a little bit to keep conversation fresh. When we see a friend, we usually ask them a question about feeling. But many English students just use one answer. That's kind of dull.

次は、家族や友達に毎日するあいさつ。英語を勉強している生徒さんたちはよく、下の“Usual Way”のような、きまりきった会話をやるね。でも毎回同じことを言ったらつまらないから、他の表現も使ってみよう。

For example:

Usual Way	Better Way
A. Hello, Becky. How are you?	A. Hi, Becky. <u>How's it going?</u> (※1)
B. Hello, Chris. I'm fine, thank you. And you?	B. <u>I'm good.</u> (※2) How about you?
A. I'm fine, too. Thank you.	A. <u>Me too.</u> (※3)

- ※1 **How's your day? / How's everything? / How are you doing? etc.**
- ※2 **I'm great. / I'm pretty good. / I'm alright. / I'm OK. / I'm tired. / I'm sick. etc.**
- ※3 **That's cool. Same here. / Oh yeah? Me too. / Oh no. Sorry to hear that. / I'm OK. etc.**

There are other ways to start talking to friends or family. **We ask them about an activity.** And it's very easy. Just use the same phrase as the greeting above.

話を始める時は、相手の行動や活動について尋ねてみるのもいい。

For example:

Usual Way	Better Way
A. Hello, Marie. What did you do today?	A. <u>Hi! How was shopping?</u> (※1)
B. I went shopping with my mother.	B. <u>It was good.</u> (※2)
A. Did you enjoy it?	<u>I enjoyed it very much.</u> (※3)
B. Yes, I did.	

- ※1 **How is the game? / How was the movie? / How was the party? etc.**
- ※2 **It's so exciting! / It wasn't very good. / It was fun! etc.**
- ※3 **We are winning! / I fell asleep! / We played games. etc.**

Sometimes if a friend or teacher asks you a “yes or no” question, and you cannot answer straight “yes” or “no”. Many students say, “so-so.” This answer is not interesting. **You can say other words to show your real feeling.**

友達や先生にyesかnoが聞かれて、どちらとも言えないとき、“so-so.”と答える人が多い。でもこれって、おもしろくない！他の言葉を使って、自分の本当の気持ちを表してみよう！

For example:

Usual Way	Better Way
A. Did you go to Hawaii last summer?	A. Did you enjoy the trip to Hawaii?
B. Yes, we did.	B. <u>It was OK.</u> (※1) but it was rainy.
A. How was Hawaii?	A. <u>Oh, that's too bad.</u> (※2)
B. So-so. It was beautiful but rainy.	

- ※1 **It wasn't bad. / Just a little. / It's alright. / It wasn't very good. etc.**
- ※2 **Oh, I see. / Sorry to hear that. / Oh no! etc.**

Our final entry for today is **how to say good-bye.** The usual way is perfectly fine and friendly. But there are other ways to say good-bye that can be better and funnier for kids.

最後に、さよならの言い方を。“Usual Way”でもぼつちりなんだけど、子どもが使う、もっとおもしろくてユーモアのある言い方もあるんだよ。

For example:

Usual Way	Better Way
A. Oh, I am going home now.	A. Oh, I'm going home now.
B. OK. See you later. Good-bye.	B. Alright. Take care. <u>See you next time.</u> (※1)
A. See you. Good-bye.	A. <u>Yeah, see you.</u> (※2)

- ※1 **Thanks. / See you tomorrow. / ★See you later, alligator. etc.**
- ※2 **OK. Bye! / Same here. / ★After while, crocodile. etc.**

Was that last part funny for you? Kids love to say that! Well, I hope the hints written in this article help you make English more interesting. So please use them in class or with your friends and family. That's all for now! See you alligator! Bye!

★印の文、おもしろいでしょ？子どもたちはこの表現が大好きなんだ（意味が分からない人は先生に聞いてみてネ！）。
英会話をもっと面白くするヒント、どうだったかな？クラスの中で、そして友達や家族の前で、これらの表現を使ってみよう。じゃ今日はこれで。
See you alligator! バイバイ！

