

What is it?

- **Different!**
An EFL textbook/course for university students, based on the exploits of a manga character.
- **Unique!**
(does this mean the same thing as 'different?' – sorry)
Manga is neither tacked on, nor incorporated from another source. It is ...
- **Specially made!**
(okay, got it; we promise – last time)
Designed from scratch for English teachers (like us) to use.

Why use it?

- **It works**
Pilot courses in 2024 produced amazing results – interest grew, as did perceived effectiveness.
- **It's task-based**
Students with partners (ideally), complete tasks in all skill areas as teachers facilitate learning.
- **Support**
Comprehension and 'manga matching' quizzes and other resources are available on our Moodle site at learneigo.com

Introducing and Assessing



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Our Pilot Study ...

- **Mixed Methods**
Pre- and Post-surveys
9 Likert-scale items (4-point)
Comment boxes; Classroom observations
- **Participants**
86 university students (3 different majors)
28 medical studies (upper intermediate)
29 English (middle intermediate)
29 law (lower intermediate; upper beginner)

Results

Quantitative

	All 86		Medical		English		Law	
	Pre	Post	Pre	Post	Pre	Post	Pre	Post
I enjoy studying English.	3.22	3.62	3.33	3.50	3.52	3.85	2.82	3.48
I am not interested in improving my English ability. (r)	3.11	3.47	3.67	3.63	3.37	3.77	2.32	2.96
Reading English <i>manga</i> will help me as an English learner.	3.30	3.44	3.37	3.38	3.48	3.54	3.07	3.39
Becoming a good English speaker is important to me.	3.55	3.66	3.70	3.63	3.70	3.85	3.25	3.48
I believe I will use English in my future job/career.	3.18	3.32	3.11	3.21	3.44	3.50	3.00	3.22
To improve my English, reading a lot is helpful.	3.56	3.71	3.59	3.75	3.74	3.77	3.36	3.61
A very good way to learn English is to study grammar.	2.94	2.97	2.78	2.67	3.26	3.12	2.79	3.13
I am interested in studying English with <i>manga</i> .	3.37	3.44	3.48	3.46	3.41	3.39	3.21	3.48
Learning English should be fun.	3.37	3.51	3.33	3.50	3.74	3.69	3.04	3.30

4-point scale ...
1 (strongly disagree)
2 (disagree)
3 (agree)
4 (strongly agree)

Qualitative

A few representative comments ...

"I haven't read English manga but I think it is very good way to study English. Using manga for studying English should be fun."
(medical student – pre-survey)

"I'm interested in reading more volumes!!"
(medical student – post-survey)

"It was my first time to study English using manga, but I had a lot of fun learning it. Until now, I had been concerned about grammar when reading sentences, but through this class, I learned that it is more important to grasp the general content than the grammar. The level of the manga was just right."
(medical student – post-survey)

"I like manga very much. I can improve my English ability with English manga. I will enjoy this class."
(law student – pre-survey)

"I was able to learn English in a fun way with manga. I used to feel that I was not good at English, but this class has made me interested in it."
(law student – post-survey)

"I'm really enjoy to study English with the Sachi manga. It is so helpful for me. All the episode interesting and gave me surprised. Thank you so much!!"
(English student – post-survey)

"I have never read English manga, so I'm so 'exciting.' In addition, I want to compare Japanese manga to English manga."
(English student – pre-survey)

"This is the first time I've studied English while reading manga. I found it to be more fun than studying long texts."
(law student – post-survey)

"I think a little be improved that I learned with the Sachi Chronicles, because it is almighty. For example, reading, writing, speaking and grammar. So, it is very good for me."
(English student – post-survey)

Discussion – a key finding ...
A1/A2 level students (law) were happy to use a B1 level textbook that generates interest and is perceived to be effective.