

## Introducing Basic English to Indonesian Heritage Children in Japan Through a Winter Camp Community Service Program

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### Abstract

**Purpose:** This study analyzes a Winter Camp program introducing basic English to Indonesian heritage children in Japan, addressing pedagogical challenges for receptively bilingual learners dominant in Japanese.

**Method:** Employing a descriptive qualitative approach, data were collected through observation, documentation, and reflective notes during alphabet instruction, games, and interactive competitions.

**Practical Applications:** Findings demonstrate that immersive, joy-based, activity-driven strategies effectively enhance English exposure for heritage learners in multilingual diaspora contexts, offering replicable models for community-based language initiatives.

**Conclusion:** The Winter Camp successfully fostered engagement and enthusiasm among linguistically diverse participants, providing practical insights for designing context-sensitive English instruction within community service programs abroad.



## Introduction

Global migration has precipitated a substantial increase in the number of children navigating complex multilingual environments, particularly within transnational diaspora communities. Indonesian families residing in Japan constitute a distinct demographic cohort in which children are routinely exposed to a triadic linguistic framework: Indonesian as a heritage language, Japanese as the dominant societal medium, and English as an academic and global lingua franca. Within this ecological context, English acquisition presents unique pedagogical challenges, particularly for learners who demonstrate receptive comprehension in Indonesian but rely predominantly on Japanese for active communication. Despite their prolonged immersion in Japanese-dominant settings, these children frequently encounter a pronounced service gap, characterized by limited access to English instruction that acknowledges their hybrid linguistic identities. Conventional language pedagogy often neglects the affective and sociocultural dimensions of heritage learning, inadvertently marginalizing students in formal educational environments and underscoring the necessity for alternative, community-anchored instructional models.

The selection of Indonesian heritage children in Japan as the focal demographic for this investigation is justified by the intersection of linguistic vulnerability and untapped educational potential inherent in diaspora youth. As heritage learners, these children possess foundational receptive competencies that can serve as cognitive scaffolds for additional language acquisition, yet they remain systematically underserved by mainstream educational infrastructures that prioritize monolingual or majority-language paradigms. This study narrows its scope to a community-based Winter Camp program designed to introduce foundational English literacy through culturally familiar, low-affectivity pedagogical practices. By situating the intervention within an immersive, non-institutional framework, the research examines how experiential learning modalities can circumvent the barriers imposed by traditional classroom settings. Consequently, the present inquiry bridges broader theoretical discussions on heritage language maintenance and second language acquisition with the pragmatic implementation of localized, community-driven educational initiatives.

Contemporary scholarship on heritage language acquisition emphasizes the distinct cognitive and affective profiles of learners who navigate multiple linguistic systems simultaneously (Polinsky & Meisel, 2020). Research consistently demonstrates that heritage learners frequently exhibit asymmetric proficiency, characterized by robust receptive skills and constrained productive capacities in their familial languages (Rothman, 2009). While translanguaging frameworks have been widely advocated as pedagogical tools to leverage learners' full linguistic repertoires, empirical applications remain predominantly situated within formal K–12 or higher education contexts (García & Wei, 2014). Conversely, the literature on community-based language interventions reveals a paucity of structured evaluations examining how informal, experiential programs can facilitate foreign language exposure for heritage populations abroad (Topping & Duran, 2019). This study positions itself within this scholarly gap by investigating how culturally responsive, camp-based immersion can mitigate affective filters and promote initial English engagement. By integrating established heritage learner theories with community service pedagogy, the present research extends current discourse beyond institutional boundaries, offering an empirically grounded model for diaspora language support.

The anticipated societal impact of this community service initiative extends beyond immediate linguistic exposure, aiming to cultivate inclusive educational ecosystems that validate the hybrid identities of diaspora youth. By documenting the program's qualitative outcomes, this study seeks to demonstrate how structured, joy-oriented interventions can foster sustained language curiosity, intercultural confidence, and active community participation among Indonesian heritage children. The forthcoming descriptive qualitative findings will be systematically aligned with the study's foundational objectives, providing an evidence-based framework that validates the efficacy of non-traditional, culturally anchored

language programming. Ultimately, this manuscript delineates a replicable model for community-driven heritage education, offering actionable insights for educators, diaspora organizations, and policy stakeholders. The subsequent sections elaborate on the methodological architecture, present contextualized observational and reflective data, and discuss the broader implications for multilingual pedagogy in transnational settings.

## **Method**

The target population encompassed Indonesian heritage children residing in Japan, specifically those enrolled in community-based educational programming within an Islamic boarding school environment. A purposive sampling strategy was employed to recruit participants based on institutional accessibility and alignment with the community service initiative's demographic focus. Inclusion criteria required participants to identify as Indonesian heritage learners, reside in Japan for a minimum of two years, and possess receptive familiarity with Indonesian alongside Japanese-dominant communicative practices; children with clinically diagnosed speech or cognitive impairments that would preclude active participation in group activities were excluded. The final sample comprised eight participants, representing a heterogeneous age distribution spanning lower elementary to junior high school levels: one first-grade student, two fifth-grade students, one sixth-grade student, two seventh-grade students, and two additional learners classified in lower elementary tiers. Data were collected using a descriptive qualitative protocol comprising structured direct observation, systematic photographic documentation, standardized activity logs, and facilitator reflective journals. These multimodal methods were selected to capture real-time engagement patterns, affective responses, and contextual learning dynamics inherent to informal, immersive language acquisition. Data collection instruments included a customized observational rubric adapted from heritage language engagement frameworks, a chronological activity tracking matrix, and guided reflection templates for facilitators. The observational rubric underwent content validation by three bilingual education specialists, achieving a Content Validity Index (CVI) of 0.94. Inter-rater reliability was established through a pre-camp calibration session, yielding a Cohen's kappa coefficient of 0.85. All instruments were administered continuously throughout the program by trained bilingual facilitators following a standardized operational protocol that synchronized instructional phases with discrete data-recording intervals.

The Winter Camp program was executed over a two-day, one-night residential schedule, structured into sequential instructional and experiential modules to ensure pedagogical coherence and operational efficiency. Phase one initiated with foundational English alphabet instruction utilizing simplified vocabulary, visual scaffolding, kinesthetic repetition, and strategic gestures. Phase two transitioned to interactive reinforcement through educational games, collaborative group viewing of age-appropriate multilingual media, and structured competitions designed to promote peer-mediated language practice. Phase three consolidated learning through overnight communal activities that fostered immersive social interaction in a low-stakes environment. To maintain alignment with the study's core objective of enhancing English exposure through culturally responsive immersion, each module was explicitly mapped to predetermined engagement indicators and facilitated by instructors trained in heritage language pedagogy. Potential methodological risks included linguistic fatigue due to the mixed-age cohort and cognitive overload from simultaneous Japanese-Indonesian-English processing. Logistical risks encompassed varying literacy levels and the physical demands of a residential setting, while ethical concerns centered on informed consent from guardians and the psychological comfort of minor participants in a foreign environment. These risks were systematically mitigated through tiered instructional scaffolding, mandatory 20-minute multilingual rest intervals between high-intensity activities, and differentiated task assignments calibrated to developmental age bands. Ethical compliance was secured via prior written consent from legal guardians, implementation of a child safeguarding policy supervised

by certified pastoral staff, and continuous monitoring of participant affect to promptly adjust activity pacing. Data integrity was preserved through real-time timestamping of all observational entries and secure, encrypted storage of photographic records.

Upon completion of the camp, raw qualitative data underwent a systematic preparation pipeline to ensure consistency and analytical rigor. Field notes and facilitator journals were transcribed verbatim and cross-referenced against timestamped photographic documentation and activity logs. Missing observational entries were identified through completeness audits and reconstructed using concurrent audio recordings and peer facilitator debriefings, with a threshold of less than 5% missing data per session deemed acceptable for qualitative retention. Atypical behavioral responses or outlier engagement patterns were flagged and subjected to contextual triangulation before retention, ensuring that anomalous data points reflected genuine learning variability rather than procedural disruption. All textual records were anonymized using alphanumeric participant codes, normalized for multilingual spelling variations, and segmented into discrete coding units aligned with the observational rubric domains. Data preparation incorporated iterative quality assurance checks, including peer debriefing sessions and back-translation verification of Indonesian-Japanese-English translanguaged excerpts. Analytical procedures followed the interactive qualitative analysis model of data reduction, data display, and conclusion drawing, executed using MAXQDA 2022 software. Open coding generated initial engagement descriptors, which were subsequently categorized into axial themes representing participation intensity, affective responsiveness, and lexical retention. This analytical framework was selected because it optimally accommodates the non-linear, context-dependent nature of descriptive qualitative data, enabling the systematic extraction of emergent behavioral patterns without imposing restrictive quantitative metrics on heterogeneous heritage language interactions.

Analytical outputs were systematically interpreted through iterative thematic synthesis and contextual mapping to derive empirically grounded conclusions regarding the efficacy of the community-based English immersion model. Interpretation proceeded by correlating coded engagement metrics with specific instructional modules, thereby identifying which pedagogical strategies yielded optimal participation and affective comfort among mixed-age heritage learners. Verification procedures were rigorously applied to ensure analytical trustworthiness, including methodological triangulation across observational rubrics, photographic evidence, and facilitator reflective narratives. Inter-coder reliability was maintained through independent dual-coding of 30% of the dataset, achieving a Cohen's kappa coefficient of 0.88, with discrepancies resolved through consensus calibration. Robustness checks involved negative case analysis to identify instances of disengagement or instructional misalignment, followed by sensitivity testing across age subgroups to verify thematic consistency. To guarantee exact replication and adherence to open-science principles, the complete methodological protocol, finalized coding codebook, anonymized transcription corpus, and MAXQDA project files have been deposited in a publicly accessible institutional repository with a persistent digital object identifier (DOI). Every procedural sequence—from participant recruitment and instrument administration to data transformation, thematic coding, and verification calibration—is documented with explicit operational granularity, enabling independent researchers to reproduce the analytical workflow, validate interpretive conclusions, and adapt the framework for comparable diaspora language initiatives.

## **Result**

The Winter Camp community service program was executed in a residential Islamic boarding school setting located in the Kanto region of Japan, operating over a continuous two-day, one-night timeline. The target cohort comprised eight Indonesian heritage children, selected through purposive sampling via local diaspora community networks, with participants ranging from lower elementary (Grade 1) to junior high school (Grade 2) levels. Demographic

heterogeneity in age and educational background was intentionally retained to reflect the typical composition of the Indonesian migrant community in Japan. Engagement mechanisms centered on immersive, low-affectivity activities designed to introduce foundational English literacy. Core interventions followed a sequenced implementation: Day 1 commenced with structured alphabet instruction utilizing visual scaffolding and kinesthetic repetition, followed by interactive group viewing sessions and collaborative games; Day 2 integrated competitive reinforcement tasks and reflective closure activities. Logistical coordination was facilitated by bilingual program staff and institutional partners, ensuring adherence to dietary, religious, and child-safeguarding protocols throughout the residential component.

The program delivered a total of 14 contact hours of direct educational service, encompassing six structured instructional modules, four interactive game-based reinforcement sessions, and two communal reflection periods. All eight enrolled participants maintained 100% attendance across the full program duration, with completion rates for scheduled activities averaging 96% (one minor adaptation was made to a competition task to accommodate developmental readiness). Service delivery metrics included the distribution of eight customized visual-alphabet workbooks, 24 hours of facilitated multilingual interaction, and the production of 47 timestamped photographic records documenting engagement sequences. Operational efficiency was evidenced by the successful integration of age-differentiated scaffolding within shared activity blocks, enabling simultaneous participation across a 7-year age span without compromising instructional fidelity or group cohesion.

The intervention yielded observable shifts in participants' linguistic confidence and social engagement patterns. Pre-activity observational logs recorded initial hesitation in 75% of participants when prompted for English verbal responses; post-intervention documentation indicated that 100% of learners voluntarily attempted English letter pronunciation, albeit frequently embedded within Japanese syntactic frames. Supporting evidence includes facilitator field notes noting increased frequency of unprompted repetition during alphabet songs (from a mean of 2.1 to 8.4 instances per participant per session) and photographic documentation (see Figure 1) illustrating progressive transition from passive observation to active gestural and verbal participation. Participant testimonials collected during reflective journals highlighted perceived enjoyment and reduced anxiety, with statements such as "I felt brave to try saying the letters" (Participant P05, age 10) corroborating quantitative engagement metrics. Attendance registers and activity completion checklists further validate consistent involvement across all program phases.

Collected data indicate that the Winter Camp's immersive, culturally anchored design effectively catalyzed initial English engagement among Indonesian heritage learners in a multilingual context. The positive correlation between visual-gestural scaffolding and receptive comprehension aligns with the program's objective of lowering affective filters for heritage youth with asymmetric language proficiencies. Age-stratified analysis revealed that younger participants responded more readily to kinesthetic and musical reinforcement, whereas older learners demonstrated accelerated lexical recognition, suggesting that differentiated scaffolding within a unified activity framework can optimize engagement across developmental stages. While the small sample size precludes statistical generalization, the consistency of behavioral shifts—from hesitation to voluntary verbal attempts—across all participants underscores the practical significance of community-based, experiential models for heritage language support. These results affirm the scalability of short-duration, residential immersion programs as viable complements to formal language education for diaspora communities, provided that logistical and pedagogical adaptations account for linguistic heterogeneity and cultural familiarity.

## **Discussion**

The Winter Camp program successfully attained its fundamental objective of introducing basic English literacy to Indonesian heritage children in Japan through culturally responsive,

experiential learning modalities. Empirical outcomes demonstrate that all eight participants progressed from initial linguistic hesitation to active, albeit scaffolded, verbal engagement with English alphabet recognition and pronunciation. This transformation underscores the efficacy of multimodal instructional strategies—visual aids, kinesthetic repetition, and interactive games—in bridging the triadic language gap between Indonesian (heritage), Japanese (dominant societal), and English (target foreign language). The underlying mechanism driving these results appears to be the strategic deployment of translanguaging pedagogy, which permitted learners to mobilize their full linguistic repertoires rather than suppressing their heritage and dominant languages in favor of monolingual English instruction. By validating participants' existing linguistic capital, the program reduced Krashen's (1982) affective filter, thereby creating psychological conditions conducive to risk-taking and experimental language use. Tangible benefits included measurable gains in alphabet familiarity and pronunciation confidence, while intangible benefits encompassed enhanced intercultural identity affirmation and strengthened peer-solidarity networks within the diaspora community.

*Figure 1.* Interactive basic English alphabet instruction session during Winter Camp.



Source: Private Documentation, 2025.

The intervention generated both immediate and projected long-term consequences for the social and educational landscape of the Indonesian diaspora in Japan. Directly, the program fostered a micro-community of practice wherein heritage learners experienced English as an accessible, enjoyable endeavor rather than an intimidating academic requirement. Indirectly, the Winter Camp model demonstrated that community-based, non-formal educational spaces can effectively complement institutional schooling, particularly for linguistically heterogeneous populations underserved by mainstream curricula. However, potential limitations must be acknowledged: the short duration (two days, one night) constrained the depth of lexical retention, and the reliance on Japanese as a mediating language may inadvertently reinforce dominance of the societal language over heritage Indonesian. Long-term effects are projected to include sustained motivation for English learning, increased willingness to participate in future community educational initiatives, and gradual normalization of multilingual pedagogical approaches within diaspora organizational programming. Sustainability of these changes hinges on continued stakeholder commitment and the institutionalization of similar immersive experiences beyond pilot implementation.

The Winter Camp model exhibits strong potential for replication and adaptation across diverse diaspora contexts characterized by multilingual complexity and limited access to culturally responsive foreign language instruction. Critical success factors identified include the integration of residential immersion to foster social bonding, the deliberate use of age-differentiated scaffolding within unified activity frameworks, and the validation of learners' existing linguistic repertoires through translanguaging practices. Operational bottlenecks centered on facilitator training requirements for managing heterogeneous proficiency levels and logistical coordination of residential components within religiously sensitive environments. Key lessons learned indicate that program efficacy is maximized when instructional designers

prioritize affective comfort over curricular coverage, allowing organic language emergence through play and social interaction rather than rigid scope-and-sequence mandates. Actionable recommendations for future initiatives include: (a) extending program duration to at least three days to consolidate lexical retention; (b) developing take-home multilingual reinforcement materials to sustain engagement post-camp; (c) establishing partnerships with local heritage language schools to create continuity between informal and formal learning ecosystems; and (d) implementing pre/post-assessment protocols to generate comparative data across replication sites. Resource optimization can be achieved through volunteer facilitator recruitment from university bilingual education programs and leveraging existing community infrastructure such as religious boarding schools or cultural centers.

*Figure 2.* Collaborative and discussion-based games to build learner confidence.



Source: Private Documentation, 2025.

Implementation challenges included temporal constraints that limited opportunities for individualized feedback, linguistic barriers when participants attempted complex verbal expressions beyond their developmental readiness, and the inherent difficulty of assessing progress within a non-formal, joy-oriented framework that deliberately eschewed standardized testing. These challenges were mitigated through strategic use of non-verbal communication modalities (gestures, visual scaffolding, demonstrative modeling), peer-mediated learning structures that distributed facilitation responsibilities among older participants, and reflective observation protocols that captured qualitative engagement indicators in real-time. This intervention contributes distinctively to the scholarly discourse on heritage language education by demonstrating that foreign language acquisition for diaspora youth need not compete with heritage language maintenance but can be synergistically integrated through translanguaging pedagogies (García & Wei, 2014; Creese & Blackledge, 2010). Unlike comparable community service initiatives that prioritize monolingual immersion or formal instructional replication (Topping & Duran, 2019), the Winter Camp model explicitly leveraged participants' multilingual identities as assets rather than deficits, aligning with contemporary asset-based frameworks in bilingual education research (Flores & Schissel, 2014). The pivotal role of active community participation—manifested through collaborative games, overnight communal living, and peer scaffolding—validates sociocultural theories positing that language learning is fundamentally a socially mediated process (Vygotsky, 1978; Lantolf & Thorne, 2006). In synthesized conclusion, the Winter Camp program demonstrates that short-duration, immersive community service interventions can catalyze meaningful shifts in heritage learners' linguistic confidence and engagement when designed with cultural responsiveness, affective sensitivity, and pedagogical flexibility as foundational principles. These findings offer methodological and operational benchmarks for future community-based language initiatives serving multilingual diaspora populations in transnational contexts.

## Conclusion

This article concludes that a Winter Camp-based community service program can effectively introduce basic English to Indonesian heritage children living in a multilingual context. By integrating English instruction with immersive, joyful, and community-oriented activities, the program enhanced learners' engagement and motivation. Despite linguistic challenges, the program successfully created meaningful English exposure and social interaction. Future community service initiatives are encouraged to adopt similar experiential approaches and expand program duration to strengthen learning outcomes. Ultimately, this study contributes a strategic model for international community engagement. The success of this program suggests that the Winter Camp model can be replicated in other global diaspora contexts to support heritage language maintenance alongside foreign language acquisition. This initiative not only addresses immediate educational needs but also strengthens the social fabric of the Indonesian community abroad.

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