

# My Google Calendar is in Japanese!

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## Google thinks it's smart

The first time you access your Google Calendar in your school Google account, it may be displayed in Japanese, just because you are in Japan. If you don't read Japanese characters, this can be quite puzzling and annoying.

## What you can do

You can set your personal preference and set your preferred language.

First, click the Settings (wheel) icon in the upper-right corner of your Calendar page.

Then, click the 設定 (Settings) link.

The screenshot shows the Google Calendar interface in Japanese. At the top left is the Canadian Academy logo. A search bar contains the text "カレンダーを検索". The user's name "+Sonny" is visible. The calendar is set to March 2014. A settings menu is open, showing options for display intervals (表示間隔) and other settings. Two callouts point to the settings icon and the "設定" (Settings) option in the menu.

1. Click Settings icon

2. Click 設定 for settings

日	月	火	水	木	金	土
23	24	25	26	27 午後1時 Tech Cr		
2	3	4	5	6 午後1時 Tech Cr		
9	10	11	12	13 午後1時 Tech Cr		
16	17	18	19	20		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
SPRING BREAK						
30	31	4月 1日	2	3 午後1時 Tech Crev	4	5
SPRING BREAK						

In the next window, click the 言語 (Language) link in the left column.

Then, select the pull-down menu that reads 日本語 (Japanese), and select English as your preferred language.

Lastly, scroll down to the end of this page and click 保存 (Save) to save your settings.

Once you have done this, your Google Calendar will be displayed in English.

The screenshot shows the Google Calendar settings page in Japanese. The page title is "カレンダー設定" (Calendar Settings). The navigation tabs include "全般" (General), "カレンダー" (Calendar), "モバイルの設定" (Mobile Settings), and "Labs". The "言語" (Language) section is highlighted with a red oval and the word "Language" written next to it. A red speech bubble points to the "日本語" (Japanese) dropdown menu with the text "1. Click this pull-down menu and select English". Another red speech bubble points to the "保存" (Save) button at the bottom of the page with the text "2. Scroll all the way down and click 保存 to save your settings". The settings include: "言語" (Language) set to "日本語", "国名" (Country) set to "日本", "現在のタイムゾーン" (Current Time Zone) set to "(GMT+09:00) 東京", "日付形式" (Date Format) set to "12/31/2014", "時刻形式" (Time Format) set to "午後1:00", and "デフォルトの会議の長さ" (Default Meeting Length) set to "60分".

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