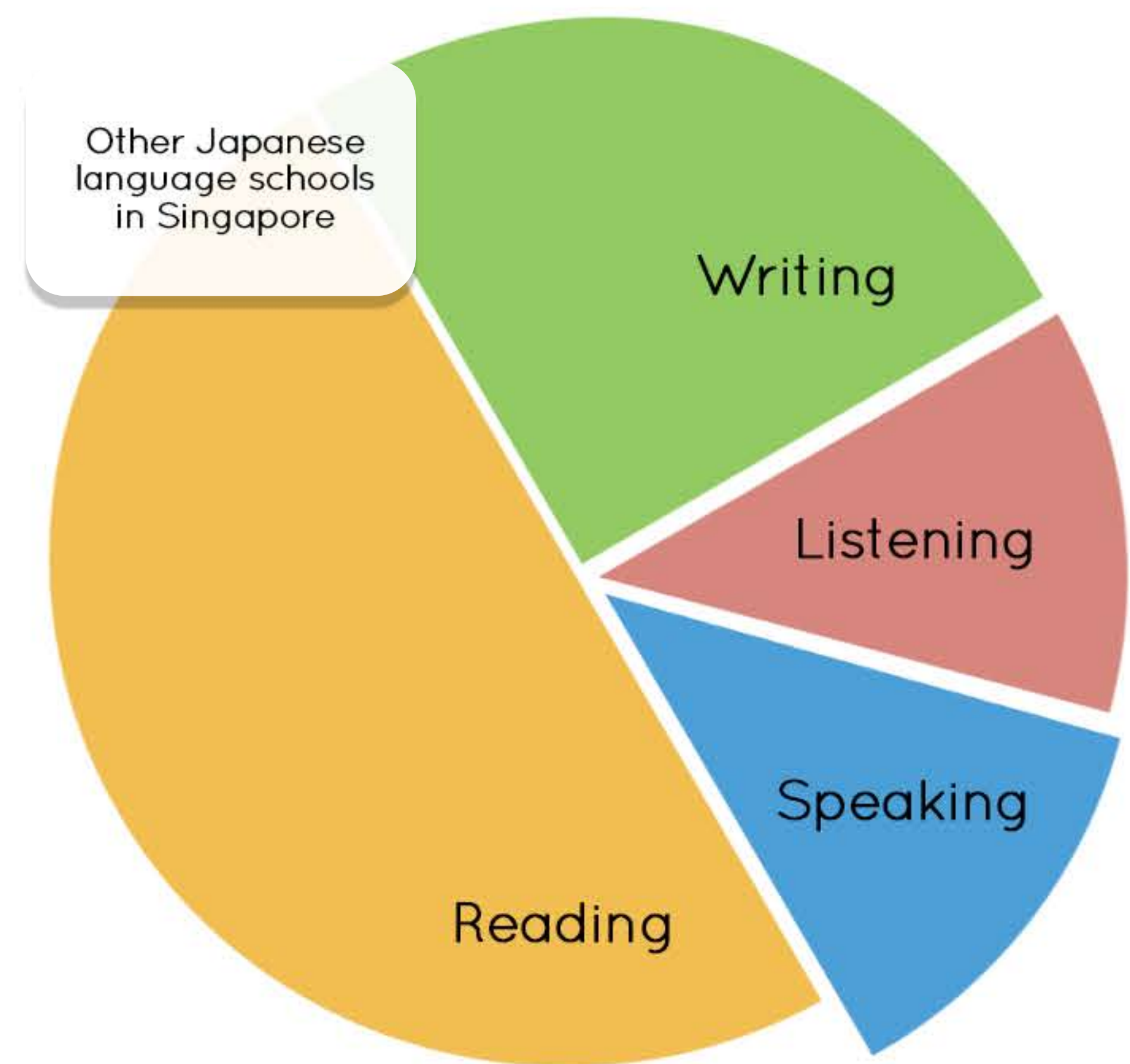


THE UNIQUE TOMO TEACHING METHOD



Speaking

The only way to speak a language well is to speak it – and as often as possible without being afraid of making mistakes. As classes are kept small, you will have many opportunities to practise speaking, even if you are in the course for Beginners.

Many interesting photos will be used to teach sentence patterns. After which, your teacher will set up different scenarios you might face in daily life, and guide you to form sentences, so that you will find them applicable.

“Speech shadowing”, also known as language parroting, is a learning technique used in our lessons. In speech shadowing, students are made to listen to a native Japanese speak and right after that, repeat loudly the words they hear. This forces your brain to pick up the words, intonation, pitch, speed and other vocal cues, and register them. With regular practice, you will be able to speak like a native.

Listening

Many experienced language learners are able to read fluently, but listening, crucial to mastering a language, usually doesn't come easy to them. The listening component is the next most important component Tomo Japanese Language Centre emphasise on.

Learning to listen well is done through several “cool” and effective ways. For instance, your teacher will play a song several time for you to listen out for the lyrics, which you have to write down immediately. Hints and guidance will, of course, be rendered, so that you can maximise your potential to listen. During this process, not only will you learn to listen well, but also learn lots of vocabulary at the same time.

In the Advanced Course and above, listening practice is done with the use of movies, dramas, TV commercials and the likes. In a 2-hour session, you can learn up to 1000 new words, allowing your list of vocabulary to expand substantially. At the same time, students will have the chance to practice speaking again through a discussion about what they have watched.

Writing

Inevitably, you will have many opportunities to write Japanese. Even in Basic Course, you will have to keep a diary. Those in Intermediate Course and above will learn about business Japanese and write good formal emails suitable for the corporate world.

There will be frequent communication in Japanese with your teacher via email and chats on Whatsapp Group. So, even on the days you are not attending Japanese, you will still be using the language!

Reading

Have you ever envisioned yourself reading a Japanese novel in its original form instead of a translated version? At Tomo Japanese Language Centre, you will have the skills to do so eventually.

During lesson in the more advanced courses, modern Japanese novels by highly-acclaimed writers like Haruki Murakami and also interesting manga (Japanese comics) will be used.