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Thread: [English or Japanese?](#)

Tyr - October 7, 2024, 12:23 pm

I know many of you hardcore anime fans will likely choose one dub over the other, however, I recognize that it depends heavily on the anime and voice actors involved. What type of language do you prefer to watch your anime in? English or Japanese?

Vip?r - October 7, 2024, 1:46 pm

Japanese audio is always better than English for any show.

The emotions conveyed and the overall quality difference is incomparable.

The only time dub is worth is if you're playing it on a secondary monitor while you do other stuff.

Bastille - October 7, 2024, 11:50 pm

In my case it would be Japanese or French, and it depends on the anime, some dubs are veeeeery good in french, using famous french actors and people who use to dub animes, so the emotions and so on are here.

I noticed that as anime became more popular, the actors doing the dubs are more involved and more close to the japanese voice acting, comparing DBZ released in the 90's and JJK it's definitely not the same thing.

This one gives me goosebumps to be honest, the voice actor is Eric LEGRAND, he has been the official voice actor of Vegeta since the beginning :

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qrAuNQLxQY>]

In this case I wayyyyyy prefer the french version

Radi - October 9, 2024, 11:32 am

Depends on the anime since some are so out of pocket and funny its better to watch in English like Ghost Stories, The Devil is a Part-Timer and High school DxD for example but for the majority of the time its in Japanese. When I am bored I just have the english dub version going in the background even though I have seen the anime subbed before.

Yin Yang - October 9, 2024, 11:33 am

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Tyr - November 1, 2024, 11:59 am

(Oct 9, 2024 11:33 AM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lots of stuff gets lost in translation. I prefer the audio to be original with subtitles in English

This is the way.

Trust - November 1, 2024, 1:27 pm

Ask any "true anime enjoyer" and they will say subtitles over dubs any day.

I used to enjoy subtitles more and I found the dub voice acting a bit cringe-inducing when I would switch over out of curiosity.

These days... I prefer dub.

It just feels a bit more personal with everything in my own language and, for what it's worth, I think

the quality of dubs has increased substantially over the last few years.

banonkiel - November 1, 2024, 2:03 pm

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SoHighSociety - November 2, 2024, 2:34 pm

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Unfortunately there are not many ways to learn it unless you study it on your own or pay for a class because it's not a typical ELA requirement in post secondary education.

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If they are handling the relocation and rent, sure.

but generally, for a remote job, they shouldn't care where you are doing the job as long as you are doing it.

If that's the case, I prefer a more quiet place.

Doesn't need to be suburbs, could be another city which is less crowded, Tokyo is one of the most crowded cities on the planet.

doomkit - November 3, 2024, 6:09 am

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neboo1 - December 16, 2024, 6:30 am

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Tyr - December 16, 2024, 9:03 am

(Dec 16, 2024 07:30 AM)neboo1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Japanese audio is always better than English for any show.

The only one I'd disagree with this about is DBZ with Bruce Falconer soundtrack tho. Otherwise, yeah.

Interesting the poll is split tho.