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Why I study English

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What are the reasons why we study English? I think it depends on the person and their reasons, such as wanting to go abroad or wanting to use it for work. Today I would like to talk about why I study English based on my experience.

   The first experience was when I was in high school.Originally, my school accepted many international students. Due to the nature of American football, exchange students from the United States often came to my club to try our club for try lessons. They are here to study abroad to learn about Japan, so they can speak some Japanese.However, when it comes to the technical terms used in club activities, I often find it difficult to understand. At such times, they often asked questions. In those situations, a senior colleague would usually help me. She had returned from the United States and was very good at English. Of course, I was also asked questions at times, but since I am not good at English, I had no choice but to take the students who had questions to the senior student.

  The second experience was when I went to shopping with my friend. While I was wandering around the store alone because my friend had gone to the restroom, I was suddenly approached by a foreign tourist. It seemed like he wanted to know where the store that sold the souvenirhe was looking for was located. Luckily, I had downloaded a translation app onto my smartphone, so I was able to communicate by showing the screen.

The third experience was when I went on a trip to Australia with friends from my club. When we arrived in Australia, we had to converse in English from immigration. We were able to enter the country because we happened to be with a friend who was a returnee and could speak English, but if you don't speak English, you can't even enter the country by yourself. We also stopped off at various shops and restaurants during the trip, where there were several Japanese people on working holidays. A working holiday is a system in which you can work locally to earn a living while sightseeing and studying. They had been staying there for a relatively long period of time, were knowledgeable about the area, and could speak Japanese, so I consulted them many times when I had problems during my trip.

As seen in these incidents, I have been relying on others for help because I cannot speak English, and I have been unable to help myself. Even if you don't intend to go abroad, many foreigners are now visiting Japan. It is very important to be able to speak English in order to help these people. I will study English hard so that I can help others.

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