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The Japanese are not good at speaking English

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I have heard that the Japanese can read English sentences and understand spoken English but they are not good at speaking English for some times. For me, understanding English is as hard as speaking English, but it is true that I cannot speak English in fluency and even if I can read English essays, telling the similar thing is almost impossible. I can only speak simple things and cannot speak complicated things in a long sentence. According to the survey, only 7% of the Japanese have the enough skill to perform responsible work in English. Even if they have the enough skill of listening and reading, the skill of speaking is not enough. Actually, among the Japanese who have the enough skill of reading and listening, 18% have the skill of speaking at the same level. The number of 7% is lower than foreigners, because more than 25% of them have the enough skill of speaking.

There are some reasons of the lack of the skill. First, difference of English and Japanese is mentioned. English is not similar to Japanese at all, because their characters, grammars and pronunciations are different. On the contrast, Korean and Japanese have a lot in common in terms of grammar and vocabulary, so there are many Japanese who feel it easy to learn Korean. Differences of English and Japanese make it hard for the Japanese to learn English and because their pronunciations are not similar, it is natural that we are not willing to speak English and we cannot improve the skill. The second reason is few chances of speaking English. In everyday life, we do not use English, so even if we cannot speak English, we are not confused. The third reason I think is the education. In school, we are trained to be able to read English sentences or sometimes understand spoken English. Even in the entrance exam of university, the skill of reading and listening is needed. Because of this, before we enter a university, we have few chances of improving the speaking skill unless we study by ourselves. I think our personality is one of the reasons. Many Japanese people are said to be introvert, so they do not want to speak English. The tendency is more remarkable when they are not confident in their pronunciation.

In conclusion, is it necessary to be able to speak English? Because we are not required the skill, we do not have the enough skill, so it may be said that we do not have to improve the skill from now on. In addition, thanks to the development of technology, some devices such as smartphones make us enable to communicate with foreigners. Even if it is, in the globalizing world, we use English to communicate with people around the world and there is no doubt that the Japanese need the skill of speaking English to communicate fluently and make good relation. To improve the skill, we should change the education and focus not only reading and listening but also speaking.

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