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Are English vocabulary words necessary in learning English?

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Do you think you must memorize English vocabulary in learning English? There are many different answers to this question. We learned English in earnest in junior high school and high school, and our teachers told us to memorize English vocabulary. This is because it is important to know many English words in order to get good marks in regular exams and pass university entrance exams. I learned English words that I do not use in my daily life so that I can cope with any situation. These are English words that could be called specialized terms. There were also English words that I crammed in the remaining month to pass the university entrance examination. However, this was a must in order to get a good score on the exam.

　 One of my high school teachers said that it is not enough to be able to read and write English; it is important to be able to use English for practical purposes. He said that quizzing students on English vocabulary would be meaningless. He said that you study for quizzes and eventually forget the English vocabulary you crammed into your head. I thought he was right. Now that I am less exposed to English than I was in high school, I have forgotten a lot of English vocabulary. They had not stuck. However, I still remember some English words that I often used in my English conversation class in high school. I thought that English vocabulary would stick with me only when I used it. I think it is difficult to read and write English sentences if you know practical English vocabulary but do not know some difficult English words. And, after all, in this case, you will not be able to cope with various tests. From this, we thought that the amount of English vocabulary to memorize would vary depending on the purpose. If you want to specialize in reading and writing, we think it is important to memorize English vocabulary. If you know the meaning of English words, you can understand the meaning of sentences to some extent. However, if you specialize in speaking English, it is better to learn commonly used phrases rather than English vocabulary. This is because I think that in English conversation, it is more important to be able to convey your intentions to others than to have mastered English vocabulary.

Thus, although learning English vocabulary is important in learning English, it may not be a good idea to stick to English vocabulary too much. However, learning English vocabulary will undeniably lead to improved English proficiency. Grammar is also important. In addition, since many Japanese people are less sociable than their foreign counterparts, communication skills are necessary in English conversation. From the perspective of an entrance examination, it is essential to memorize English vocabulary, but from the perspective of English conversation, there is no need to be overly fixated on English vocabulary. Therefore, while English vocabulary is necessary for learning English, it is necessary to acquire other knowledge and skills in addition to English vocabulary.

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