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STUDENT INTERVIEW

At this time, we would like to interview Koki Tanaka. He is a fourth-year student. He comes to English Lunch Chat very often, and he studies very seriously for English tests like TOEIC. We asked him about his English experience.

Q1. How much do you like English?

I want to use English every day! When I succeed in showing my opinion and understanding articles and speeches, I feel pleasure about it.

Q2. Which English tests have you ever taken? How did you choose them?

I have taken TOEIC and EIKEN before. If you get high score, it will work to your advantage for job hunting. And I had another motivation to check whether I have enough English skill or not. TOEIC and EIKEN are suitable tests to check English skill from different points of view.

Q3. What is the benefit for you after taking English tests?

The greatest benefit is getting better at reading academic papers easily. Studying English for tests often reduces the number of times to use dictionary and to ask teachers about English papers because those tests include important words to read papers.

Q4. Which English class in Chikudai is useful for tests? (How is it useful?)

It is useful for me to read a lot of books in any English class. If you take English tests, you have to read long passages in short time. In that situation, experience

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reading a lot of books will help you if you have difficulty reading.

Q5. How soon before an English test do you start studying? How do you study for listening, reading, writing, and speaking sections of a test?

I don't have thought to study for any certain period before TOEIC and EIKEN. I studied English every day little by little. I was poor at listening in tests, so I often read listening scripts aloud. And I try to memorize not only word meanings but also how to use words.

Q6. What is the most difficult thing for you to study for English tests?

To continue studying. I think everyone can acquire English skill, if they study English every day. But most people tend to give up studying English for many reasons. In my case, I use English test and English lunch to continue studying English. When I make a mistake in English test and English lunch, I felt frustrated and try to review my mistake. Trying and reviewing are inseparable pair to continue studying English.

Q7. What do you find to be the most difficult in English: reading, listening, speaking, or writing English? Why?

I was poor for listening in English test because I didn't know correct pronunciation. I often read documents with "katakana yomi". Thus, when I hear correct pronunciation, I cannot understand the words. I try to amend my pronunciation with text book. My

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listening skill was improved little by little.

Q8. Why do you study English so much?

When I spoke English with foreign students in English lunch and other places, they didn't warm up to me sometimes. Although they showed a big interest in Japanese culture and thinking, I can't explain those things due to lack of my English skill. Then, I decided to brush up my English skill and started to study English so much.

Q9. What countries have you ever visited?
(How long time did you stay there? / What was your purpose to visit?)

I've never been abroad, because I can't afford it and don't have time for travel.

If I get a job in the government, they may give me great opportunity to go abroad. I'll make use of it. Right now I don't have countries that I want to go, because during conversation with people from various countries I found each country has its own appeal.

Q10. What is your next goal in English education or testing?

The first thing I want to do is be able to use things learned from tests in actual situations. TOEIC and EIKEN consist of multiple-choice. If you got high score in those tests, it doesn't always show your English ability in situations. To change "Test English" into "Useful English", I'll continue to read newspaper and speak English in ERC and other places.

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DONATED BOOKS

In ERC, new books came! These books help students to study for Eiken pre-1 level. They were donated by Koki Tanaka and Koji Takahashi, Chikudai students. Thank you.

- ・「英検準1級 二次試験・面接完全予想問題」



With this book, we can practice for English interview.

- ・「英検準1級 出る順 合格問題集」.



With this book, we can prepare for writing, listening tests and English interview.

TRAVELOGUE

In May, Yuriko Suzuki (2nd year student) presented “**Study abroad 1-month in the Philippines**”.

In June, Marshall Smith presented “**University/NGO cooperation on small-scale education projects**”.

In July, Munthali Chandiona (master's student) presented “**What it is like to grow up in Malawi**”.

Thank you for your nice presentation!