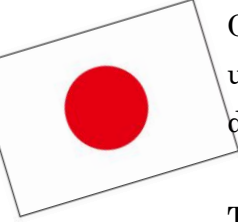


# Differences of English



Where do you usually speak English? At school? At work? Or when traveling? I think you participate English in many ways. In my case, I study English in school and when I stayed in Thailand as an exchange student, I spoke with Thai in English. Then I knew that English is not the same in each country. Today I'll tell you about the differences of English.

When I arrived in Thailand, I had to speak English because I can't speak English wasn't good, So I couldn't listen well.



One day my hostsister taught me "take about means up num". But I couldn't understand because I didn't know what "take about" meant. I tried to search my dictionary, but I couldn't find it.

The next day I tried to listen again. And finally I can understand. The word "take about" was wrong. The correct phrase was "take a bath". Actually those two word's sound are not the same. But I heard same sound. That is because Thai people often don't say the end of words. For example they say "ghost" but I hear "go". They say "news" but I hear "new".



I think this is not only Thai, but also Japanese. Every Japanese in here, please think. Have you ever said "ghost"? Ok. I will ask more question. Have you ever said "three"? TH's sound like in "three" is not in Japanese. So we can't say well. In Thai people's case, if they want to say "three", they say "three". This is same sound as "tree". The result is we can't be understood by other country's people.

The problem of pronunciation embarrassed me. But this is a very interesting thing. Because if our cultures or language are the same, we cannot find these differences. But if foreigners can't understand your English, please think about your pronunciation. And please write spelling. May be they can understand.



# Sing

## ~my important thing~

Do you have your important thing? For example if you are big, eating is important thing. If you are athlete, your important thing is exercise. And, my important thing is singing a song. Today I want to speak about singing.

I have been fond of singing since I was a child, because my father was singing all the time and he was a good singer. I was singing with my father and I became a member of chorus group when I was an elementary school student. From these things I can be deeply related to singing and I became more likely to sing. In that chorus group I realized how wonderful playing music with friends is, and if it had not been for my friends, I couldn't have experience that.....

I was belonged to brass band club when I was a junior high school student. And now, I'm a member of band club. My part is vocal. I have been involved in music since I was a child. From then music became the most precious thing for me.....

For these reasons I want to be a singer who gives hope and happiness to many people. If my important thing becomes my work, how wonderful it is!!

Finally, do you have your important thing? If you haven't found it, please find one thing in your life.

# Fashion

There are many kinds of clothes, for example , casual , used , street, flashy. What kinds do you often wear? Today I'm going to talk about the reason why I liked fashion and my everyday life became happier than before.

When I was a junior high school student, I began to be interested in clothes .Because my friend was a fashionable so I longed to be her and started to study fashion. For example , reading a magazine and copying of another person's fashion .While I was studying people around me said to me "you're fashionable" I was happy to hear that I became more and more interested in my fashion .I am the most happy when I coordinate my clothes and I go to buy. So I often go shopping on a holiday.

I met many people through fashion. There are people who I would not have met if I didn't like fashion .

There are happy times that I couldn't spend.

I am thankful for my friend who gave me a chance to like clothes.

I will study fashion more than now and I want to be a famous stylist in the future.

## *A sense of beauty up!*

Are you interested in beauty?

I like to thinking about and try many things. I will talk about my sense of beauty for you.

When I was a junior high school student, I began to be interested in beauty. Because my friends were very cute. So I want to be cute, too.

First, I cornered fashion magazines. I studied how to make my eyes look big, and how to make my style look good.

Next, I did treatment every day to make ma hair a rustle. In addition I did diet, dietary modification, and skin care. That is how my sense of beauty became higher and higher. But, one day my thinking of beauty is written on one magazine.

That word is “The important thing is not appearance but inside.”

I was very surprised. I used to live caring about my appearance but I realized it's not true.

From that day, I have tried to become beauty not only appearance but also inner side.

And now, I have a dream.

It's to be a hair stylist, and make many people beautiful. Their interior may not be able to change only themselves. But their appearance can change the beauty for me. If they become beautiful they may be going to want beauty their interior. If many people are beautiful, I will be happy.

So, I want to be a hair stylist that can make many people happy. Therefore, I improve own self, and I want to do my sense of beauty up.

# China

I am going to talk about China. How much do you know about China? Have you ever been to China? Are you interested in China? To tell the truth, I wasn't interested in China at first. I hadn't been to China until this year and I didn't know about that country much. But I'm not what I was. I will talk about the reason today.

I went to China for the first time for ten days for language training this summer vacation. I thought China was a very dangerous country. So, when the time came I worried.

I was surprised that Chinese students spoke Japanese very well. In China, student's study time is much longer than Japan. My friend's high school studies from seven a.m. to nine p.m. And local people were very kind I do dormitory life for ten days.

I want to study go abroad when I will be college student. I want to go to China. Then I want to learn Chinese and Chinese culture. So I am studying Chinese very hard now. Someday I want to be good Chinese speaker.

I told about China. If you have interest China, I am very happy!!!

## School Life

What is your school life like? I enjoy my school life because before I have been in a Private junior high school and I had harder time than now. But my grades have been falling down these days because I don't study as much as I did in junior high school. Today, let me tell you about my school life in junior high school.

I wake up at six forty-five on weekdays and I go to school around eight. I take six classes on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays I had to take seven classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. After school on Wednesdays, I have a club activity and I go to a seminar on those days, so I have the hardest days on Wednesdays. I wake up at eight thirty on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. On Saturdays, I usually take an English class to pass the TOEIC test.

Now, I'd like to talk about my school life I spent in my junior high school. I spent harder school life. I spent harder school life.

I woke up at seven except Sundays and holidays. I had to take seven classes on weekdays and three extra classes every week. On Saturdays, I had to take four classes. And I had to take a test called "early morning test" almost every day. In addition spent only three weeks for my summer vacation and I had a lot of homework to do during the vacation. In spite of that I had a good time during the vacation. For example, I went on trips with my parents every year.

# Four season of Japan



Do you know that Japanese four seasons are rare in the world? Japanese food, scenery, and clothes change very much by having four seasons. So, now, I'm going to talk about two wonderful seasons of Japan.



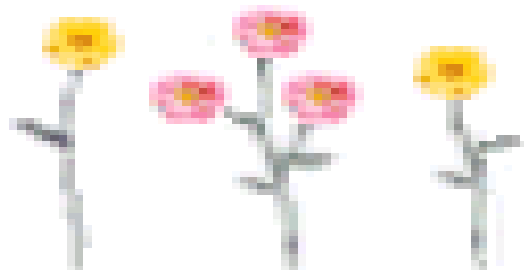
The first is summer. The season which you can go into the sea or a river. We wear the "Yukawa."  
And we enjoyed festivals or watch fireworks. Many memories can be made in summer of Japan!



The second is autumn. It is called "autumn of appetite" in Japan. That is, fish and vegetables are delicious in this season. The scenery of Japan becomes red, yellow, and brown color. The scenery is very beautiful!



Although there are still two season, four seasons of Japan have many features. We can see a seasonal flow every day. We are proud of there being no less than such four new seasons, and should have the importance which an old season feels. One country has four seasons, you know? A season of Japan is wonderful!



## My Favorite Artist

Do you like music? Do you have a favorite singer? I have many favorite singers. But, YUI is the best. Today, I'd like to talk about her.

Do you know YUI? First, I will introduce her. She is 24 years old and is a singer-song writer. It is her style to sit cross-legged, and to play the Acoustic guitar.



## **Do you have a special person in your life?**

Do you believe in fate? Have you lived for someone or made an effort for someone in our daily life? So today I will tell you about fate of love.

One day I fell in love with a boy. And I have loved him since that time. He is very kind to everyone. When I'm sad or when I feel bad, he is always by my side.

Furthermore I can make an effort anything because he is in my heart.

But love can be hard. For example, we had a quarrel between the two of us. I cried for a long time. So I noticed that he is my important person once more. So I love him more and more.

However it is fate to meet a person. We are born on the earth.....in Japan and we met at this time that can't be put in order or by accident. Do you still not believe in fate? Possibly you may meet a person who is your person of fate.