

My English Teacher

I will talk about my English teacher who changed my life. She set up an English conversation school at her house. She teaches English children and sometimes adults too. Besides, she teaches Japanese to Asahi's international students.

Her name is Hiromi Nisikata. She once taught in English conversation's company. She had to teach in according with a company's manual. She taught "teach in according with a company's manual? Well then, what should I do for students who can't understand the manual!".

This is the reason why she set up her English conversation school. Now, she has many many students. I feel she is a great person.

That's not all. She treats us like her children. I consult her when I have worrying. She always listens to me and gives me some good advices. I' helped by her.

She changed my life. Without meeting her, I wouldn't have come to Asahi and I wouldn't have gained on confidence in English.

I want to say to her "Thank you very much!"

Four Seasons

Which season do you like?

The Cherry blossoms are dancing in spring, and Greens are growing thick in summer, and Autumnal leaves are falling in autumn, Snow and Frost are coming down in winter.

I like spring because snow melts in the end of spring. I think spring is the most cozy of the four seasons.

Four seasons are a point of pride for Japan around the world. Japanese have made a wide variety of amusements for each season in ancient times.

In spring, people were watching cherry blossoms and eating meals under the tree. People called this “Ohanami.”

In summer, people wear a “Yukata” and “Jinbei” and people watch fireworks in the sky, and people go to haunted house in older to soften heat.

In autumn, the green leaf is changed to red and yellow, so people climb a mountain to do “Autumn leaves viewing”.

In winter, people made done—like building of snow, we call this “Snow hut.” Inside of the Snow hut, people warm themselves. So, the end of a year people eat “soba” and new year people eat “osechi”.

So, there are many seasons at their best.
And which I love is blight and warm spring.

Australian Family

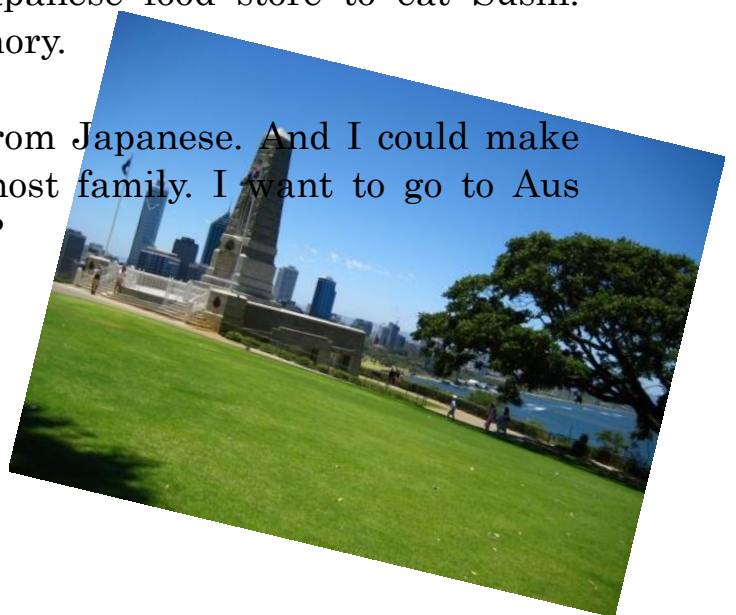
“Thank you” This is the word which I spoke to a foreigner for the first time. I went to school when I was fourteen years old. Have you ever talked to foreigner in foreign countries? I could learn important things there. Today I’ll tell you what I had experienced.

I have been to foreign country. I went to Australia when I was in the second year of junior high school. I couldn’t understand what everyone said. What I was worried about most was if I can make myself understood in English. And I was worried about my host family had communication. However, they were very kind to me. They tried to understand my English.

I’ll introduce my host family. My father is a fire fighter. My mother is a hockey player. My host partner is a woman. She likes fashion. She is model now. My young brother plays soccer very well. He is a No, 1 player under 12 in Australia.

I had many fun experiences. For example, I went shopping, sports, picnic, and went to Japanese food store to eat Sushi. Everything is my beautiful memory.

I felt what is different from Japanese. And I could make irreplaceable things with my host family. I want to go to Aus again. Why don’t you go abroad?



Money

Do you like money? Probably, there is no person who hates money. Even if we have a lot of money, we need more. Today, I'd like to talk about the importance of money.

We have to use money to do something or to buy something. However, money is not obtained easily. You must eagerly work to get it. I worked at a part time job, and I have gotten money. I had pocket money until I became a high school student.

After beginning part time job, the quantity using money increased very much. I can buy what wasn't able to be bought, when I was a junior high school student. And I can go to play to the far away places. Now, since I'm not troubled by money. There are many people who cannot work for other countries. There are many people who cannot get money.

Therefore, I should consider now to use money more is natural. And when generous, I would like to raise funds.

Idol★

What image do you have about Idols? Maybe, you have image Idols are only cute because you think so, too. But Idols who I met when I was fifteen, they changed my Idol image. So, I would like to talk about them.

First, they are a group called Hello Project. Hello Project are beyond ordinary Idols. They are very great!!! To start I met Hello Project, when I was fifteen, I often watched Youtube. I found by chance “Morning musume” a dynamic image which everyone knows, I watched it. I was surprised!! Because it was cute, wonderful, and cool!! Then, I was attracted by very cute girl. I can't help watching only her. I watched Youtube everyday since then.

Thanks to her, I met Hello Project, and I start to love Idols. I often go to event and live shows since then, I shook hands with them. I'm always impressed by they are very good singing whenever I go to their events. Good singing is the biggest reason I like Hello Project. The trend is AKB48, but I don't agree. Hello Project show wonderful performance for us.

I love that Idol. I will follow them forever. Let's listen to Hello Project music ♪

~Europe~

What image about Europe do you have? Fashionable? Historical ? I am going to talk about Europe and why I like it. I want you to have an interest in Europe.

My image is very fashionable. There are a lot of fashionable café and restaurants in the busy street but I think that each country has something historical do you have an image too ? Have you ever been to Europe? I have not been to Europe. So I am attracted by it.

First, let's talk about food. Do you know the most famous food of each country? For example, speaking of Italy, you'll think spaghetti, macaroni, pizza, and the other cheese, wine, seafood. Germany is sausage, beer, a potato dish. Spain is the most famous Mediterranean sea dish, and Spanish have five meals a day. But after all, everyone will recall France, because it's called gourment food country, French dish always use wine. I don't like cheese, but if you like, how about eating cheese made in France?

Next, let's talk about world heritage. First, everyone will know about the Versailles Palace. Do you know where it? The answer is France. The other Mont- Saint- Michel, Banks of the Seine. Second, is a Vatican City. I want to go to it in the future. I hope you will understand the main points and let's talk together about Europe again.

A Starry Sky

Have you ever seen a lot of stars in the night? I lived in Nara two years ago. I'm going to talk about my experience there.

There are eighty eight constellations, but we can see eight thousand six hundred stars from the Earth. I saw the starry sky for the first time when I was in the fourth grade. I observed the Swan as an assignment. A starry sky is really very beautiful, and I keep observing for several days. My favorite star is Spica, and this is one of the Virgin's that is very beautiful. A meteoric swarm is also very beautiful.

After that I moved to Osaka I could see the starry sky less than what I expected. But I didn't see stars than before. However, I could see the Orion's Belt when it is good weather in winter. When I see the starry sky, I calm down and when I take time to think. It makes me feel motivated and organizes my thoughts.

If occasion offers, I recommend you to see the starry sky.

If my dreams come true

Do you have a dream? Or do you have a dream which you want to realize? I wrote an essay with this title when I was a junior high student. But this is a good opportunity, to think about my dream. So I would like to talk about my dream.

I've had a dream since I was an elementary school student. I want to be a flight attendant. But it's not my dream. To speak frankly, my dream is giving a dream for children in the future.

I had boarded an air plane for the first time, when I was seven years old by myself. The children boarded the plane alone, just entered at elementary school. I was so nervous. But the flight attendants played with me during my transit time. I thought I want to become like them.

I thought to be a flight attendant again, when I went on school excursion when I was 15 years old. We went to Okinawa by airplane, we were rude and caused trouble. But they didn't look angry, and they were very kind.

They give customer to have a nice day and help them. I think this job is very wonderful. And I was given a dream by them. The dream support oneself now. I want to be like them who gives dreams for children. If my dreams come true, I want to raise the children and there dreams.

World Heritage

Have you ever seen A World Heritage Sight? World Heritage is a treasure of mankind to be inherited from the past. There are a lot of World Heritage over the world. Knowing the World Heritages, you can learn various histories. I am interested in World Heritage very much. So, I'm going to talk about them today.

The World Heritage can be divided into three parts by the content. First is cultural heritage. These are architecture and remain. For example, There is Taj Mahal in India. Second is nature heritage. This is area which has topography, organism and scenery. For example, there is Shiretoko in Hokkaido. Third is plural heritage. This World Heritage unites culture with nature. For example, there is Machu Picchu in Peru.

But World Heritage is not only beautiful. There are World Heritages about miserable occurrence in the past. For example, there is Atomic Bomb Memorial Dome in Hiroshima.

So, World Heritage has many kinds and each of them have meaning. I'd like to study and see a lot of World Heritages! How about going to see World Heritage when you travel somewhere?



Everyday life is happy



What is happiness for you? I think every people thinks different. However, the other day a big earthquake happened. I realized everyday life is the most important. So, I'm going to talk about the happiness today.

I always go to school and go to part time job or talk with my friends after school on weekdays and sit back and enjoy the holiday. The life is taken as a matter of course for me. It is natural that I can't realize happiness.

But the other day a big earthquake happened .They don't have house to live , proper food and families are separated. I think that my everyday life is wonderful. I feel some people are happy with different values. But, If you think a little about people in difficult situation.

Your common days will become real happy days. Now, I'm happy to realize this, I want to spend my life cherishing every day.

Christmas

Who do you spend time with at Christmas? And how do you spend your time? I think that some people spend it with family, friends, girlfriend, boyfriend, or alone. I think how you spend your time is different. Now, I will talk about my Christmas plan for 2011.

I usually spend time with my family at Christmas every year and I eat very delicious dinner which my mother made and my mother gives Christmas presents for me and my older sister. I like Christmas that I spend with my family very much.

But I have a boy friend now. I want to spend time with him at Christmas, too. So, I think I will spend time with my family on Christmas Eve and I will spend time with my boyfriend on Christmas day.

Christmas Eve will look like every year. But at Christmas I want to see beautiful illuminations with my boy friend. And I will give a Christmas present to him. So, I will save money every month.

I am looking forward to this year's Christmas. I wish you merry Christmas, too.



SPORTS

There are many kinds of sports in the world . What kinds of sports have you ever played? I was a member of a rugby club while I was a junior high school student. Now, I do MMA at the gym. So, I'll tell you about sports what I have played.

First, I tell you about rugby. Rugby is a strange sports played by big man or strong man but rugby has many positions and they have different jobs. So you can play rugby if you are smaller or weaker than others . It is one of the reasons that I like rugby.

Rugby players can't through or drop the ball in front of them. So they must pass a ball to their side or back side. If you do it, you must go forward. It is a rule that baseball and soccer don't have. I thought that it is troublesome rule but I found that it is very important thing to win in rugby. I like rugby for these reasons.

Next I'll tell you about MMA. Do you know MMA ? MMA is a sport that mixes kick boxing and wrestling. A fighter is often thought that savage or dangerous man but not everyone is like this. There are a lot gentle people in the gym that I go to. There is a person whose looks and character are same but it is not only fighters. So, I wouldn't like to judge anyone only looks.

iPhone

Is your cell phone an old type cell phone, or a smart phone? I think that in Japan, smart phone users are increasing now. I use a smart phone , too. Today, of all smart phones, I would like to talk about Apple iPhone.

iPhone has both a function of computer and cell phone. So, it is very convenient. And iPhone's camera came out well. One good point I think is downloading an application that lets you design a cell phone by yourself. There are many pleasant and fun applications. And there are convenience applications for everyday life. Of all applications, I introduce some of my favorite applications.

First, Mousoudenwa. When you call, the application answer automatically. They also grade us. Next, WEGO's application. This is a brand of WEGO's application. You can see a lot of coordinate of shop staff. This is very helpful. Also, I can get a coupon. I like this brand very much.

And there are many applications. For example, work, game, can be used for everyday life. I think we can do many things by iPhone. If you still don't change to a smart phone, how about checking iPhone for sure! Try it!!

Hard Rock

Do you know Hard rock? Hard rock is one of music genre. It impressed my heart when I listened to it for the first time. Your hart will also be impressed by hard rock when you first time. So I'm going to talk about Hard Rock.

Most people think hard rock images are noisy image. It is true. But if it is not noisy it is not hard rock. Hard rocks sound can get energy. So it is noisy. Especially Bon Jovi can get energy. Because their sound is very cool and their lyrics are very strait. So I think hard rock and Bon Jovi are great and cool.

My Country, Holland

Every year a lot of Japanese people visit Holland. Usually, they only visit the most touristic places in Holland, like the capital city Amsterdam, but also windmills and fields full of tulips. But, they will never know anything about the real culture.

When I first came to Japan 1 and a half years ago I was very impressed by the amount of high buildings and by how polite Japanese people are.

But this time when I came here, I was very surprised by the cold tea. In Holland



we only have hot tea. Actually, we also have something called 'ice tea', but that's more like a soft drink.

The food in Japan is also very different. It's so healthy! In Holland there is a lot of fast food you can't buy anywhere else in the world.

Furthermore, Japan has some kind of main food, rice. For breakfast and lunch I'm used to eating bread, but we would never eat bread for dinner like the Japanese people eat rice at every meal.

However, the city where I come from is near the sea, so we have dunes, but anywhere else in Holland the ground is flat. No mountains, no hills, just flat.

School is very different in Holland too. We don't have school uniforms, and every hour we have to change classrooms. We also don't have clubs.

If I would have to choose between Japan and Holland which country I like the best, I honestly wouldn't know. There are just too many differences.

Anyway, Holland is definitely worth visiting, and if you do, please make sure you will experience some real Dutch culture. Thank you for listening.