

STEP2級 英文読解演習

Why do you learn English?

Because...

I don't use English in my work or my everyday life. But I go to English conversation classes, listen to radio in English, and read books in English. English is one of my hobbies. I study English only because I like it. Studying broadens my horizons. It's wonderful. My English is far from perfect, so I should work harder at it. I want to keep on studying all my life!!

(Female office worker from Tokyo)

Because...

My dream is to become an English-speaking tour guide who shows overseas tourists places of interest in Japan. I'm very proud of Japan's culture, history and natural beauty, so I'd like as many foreign visitors as possible to understand them properly. Learning another language is important. It is a golden tool for communicating with people from different cultures. I've been studying English for a long time, and I will continue doing so until my dream comes true.

(Female housewife from Aichi Pref.)

Because...

The purpose of studying English for me is to experience other worlds and give us more opportunities in our lives. If we are good at English, we will have more chances to, for example, get a better job, take trips abroad and make friends. Certainly we will be able to experience a greater range of things. Even with my level of English, I have the confidence to be able to live anywhere in the world. I believe that challenging ourselves to improve our English skills can keep us young.

(Female office worker from Iwate Pref.)

Because...

One reason why I study English is to fulfill a dream, which is to make films in America. I know it will be difficult for me to achieve this dream because I am not American. But the greater the dream, the more challenging it is to achieve it. Another reason is I love English! I think it is wonderful to make myself understood in a foreign language. It is very exciting. But regrettably, most people just study English in high school to prepare for exams, which is dull.

(Male high school student from Miyagi Pref.)

Because...

I have been studying English for eight years. The pleasure has been constant throughout. To be able to use it gives me confidence. If you can speak English, you can talk with not only British or American people but with people from all over the world. It is wonderful to talk with people who come from different cultures. Eventually I will have a good command of English. I want to be a bridge between Japan and many other countries.

(Female high school student from Tokyo)