Viewpoints: Japan and England

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はしがき

楽しく学ばねば英語は身に付きません。楽しく、わかりやすく、ためになると実感できる授業に接すれば英語力は次第に身に付いてきます。Viewpoints: Japan and England は、そのような趣旨に基づいて作成した総合教材で、初中級レベルの学習者を対象としたものです。

大学で英語を学ぶことは、ことばを媒介としたトレーニングだけではありません。それと併せて他の国と接触して自分の目を養うことが必要です。自国の常識が他国の非常識になる場合もあるからです。異文化に触れることで視野が広がり、新たな発見が生まれます。とりわけ感情を含めた他の国の人々の心を理解して、本当の意味での英語力が身に付いたと言えます。

本書は、季節、運転免許証、医療制度、休日、花火など幅広い日常的なテーマで、オブライエン氏が書き下ろした日英比較のエッセイを中心にしています。常識に疑問を投げかけ、日本とイギリス事情の様相を鋭い感性と客観的視点に基づいて比較し、しかも知的ユーモアを交えて明快に述べています。

まずは、軽妙な文体による 350 語程度で書かれたエッセイを楽しんでください。そして、TOEIC® テスト形式の文法や長文空所補充問題、リスニング問題などを通して、英語力をブラッシュアップしてくれることを願っています。

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本書の使い方

全体で 15 Lessons です。各 Lesson は本文(Reading)と、その内容理解度をチェックするための練習問題 (A)(B) があります。また本文と関連のある会話文や文法問題で構成しています。

Photographs

写真の説明となるように、与えられた文字で始まる単語を、空所に書いてください。

Reading

A P

本文の内容理解と共に、CD を聞いてリスニング力を向上させてください。

A Vocabulary

定義に合う語を本文より探して書いてください。

B Comprehension

- (1) 本文の内容理解度をチェックするために次の3つの形式のいずれかになっています。
 - 空所に入る適切な語を語群より選んでください。

Lessons 1, 4, 7, 10, 13

前の英文に続く適切なものを選んでください。

Lessons 2, 5, 8, 11, 14

・ 空所内の語句を正しく並べ替えてください。

Lessons 3, 6, 9, 12, 15

(2) 次に完成した英文の内容が述べられている段落の番号を [] に書いてください。

2 Conversation



- (A) CD を聞いて空所に単語を書き、会話を完成してください。
- (B) CD を聞いて質問文を完成し、それに対する正しい答えを (A) ~ (D) から 1 つ選んでください。

3 Incomplete Sentences

短文を完成するため、空所に入る最も適切な語句を (A) ~ (D) から 1 つ選んでください。

4 Text Completion

長文を完成するため、空所に入る最も適切な語句を(A)~(D)から1つ選んでください。

5 Keywords

各 Lesson に出てきた語句の意味を確認してください。

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Lesson 1

Heights

tenses (present tense, past tense, future tense)

Photographs

Describe the picture by filling in the blanks in these sentences.

- Three police officers are (t) with each other while standing.
- One of the police officers is standing apart
 (f) the others.



1 Reading



- [1] I was pleased when I first arrived in Japan and found that I had grown during the journey here by about 20 centimetres. What I mean is that in England I was only just above the average height. That made me tall enough to become a policeman, so if I couldn't find any other employment, I always had something to fall back on.
- [2] Now that I was living in Japan, I was taking the crowded trains in the mornings, but 5 unlike most of my foreigner friends, I enjoyed it. In Japan, I was suddenly a lot taller than most other people. That's right ... I was looking down on everyone. From my viewpoint, the train car was a long sea of black hair.
- [3] My new status of being taller than most people did come at a price, however. Doors were usually too low for me, and I lost count of how many times I came into painful contact 10 with them. Shopping for clothes also proved to be a problem. The shirts pinched my armpits, and I gave up trying to fasten the cuff buttons. In winter I always had cold feet at night since the bedding was designed for the average Japanese person. Not surprisingly, I was beginning to regret my height.
- [4] The rest of the story is probably not news to you. Today, the young generation has shot 15 up alarmingly, so that now I am actually below average. Today's youth would never have fitted into yesterday's compact automobiles. There was no headroom and no leg room, so that putting on the brake required difficult contortions from the driver, which is not good if you need to stop in a hurry.
- [5] In the 1970s, when many Japanese people were buying their first family car, there was 20 nowhere to drive. One answer was to go up, and that's why there are so many mountain roads. But the thing is, there's little to see at the top except for a car park and maybe, an abandoned restaurant. People today are still going upwards, however. There is a rush to build skyscrapers, and, unlike in England, Japanese people love to live in high-rise apartments. Do you think that is a wise thing to do in an earthquake-prone country?

Notes fall back on 「~に頼る」come at a price 「かなりの代償を払うことになる」cuff button 「カフスボタン」shoot up 「背が高くなる」high-rise 「高層の」earthquake-prone 「地震がよく起こる」

A Vocabulary

(C) It doesn't have a garden.

Find ·	the	words in	n the	reading	that	match	these	definitions.	Write	the	verbs	and	nouns	in
their	bas	e forms	3											

-	a way of thinking about or looking at a situation						(line 7)		
2	to press someone's skin tightly						(line 11)		
3	small and taking up very little space							17)	
4		•	•	or looked			(line		
5	a ve	ery tall mo	odern cit	y building			(line	24)	
		_							
B Co	omprehensio	n							
Comple where	ete each sentence w the information is f	ith a word ound.	from the	box. Then	n write the num	ber of th	ne parag	graph	
	driving	good	high	much	policeman				
	g tall was not alway) thing b	pecause doors,		Г	7	
	es, and bedding di) but in Iona	m I v.va.a	par. [J	
	ngland I was tall en enly way above ave	· ·), but in Japa	II I was	par. [1	
	le used to enjoy dri			roade bu	t now they like	e to live	pai. [J	
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,	•	U	in in the	mornings	s because I was	s	pant	,	
(s. Surprisingly, I liked taking the train in the mornings because I was () taller than other people.								
5. Youn	ig people today hav				ave had troub	le	par. [_	
(ompact ca					par. []	
Co	nversation								
(A) A:	s you listen to the c	onversatio	n, fill in t	he blanks.				03	
Anne:	Where do you liv		, .				_		
Brian:	Right in the 1) of	the city.	We are on the	e ₂ ()	
	floor of a block of	f flats.	ŕ	,		2 `		ŕ	
Anne:	Do you like ₃ () so	o high up?					
Brian:	The building's 4() for s	shopping and	transpo	rt, but	I do	
	miss having a gar	den.							
Anne: Well, I couldn't live there at all because I'm $_{5}$ () of he) of hei	ghts.		
	sten and fill in the b		•			answer.		04	
1. Why	does the man					?			
	It has a good view.		(I	3) It is che	eap.				
(C)]	It's convenient.		(I	O) It's new					
2. Why	doesn't the womar	1				in such	a place	?	
•	It's in the city.				ı't stand high p		•		
	,		`		0 1				

(D) There's no lift.

Grammar Points: 時制

1. 現在時制:現在の動作・状態・習慣・事実

I am a university student and study applied chemistry.(私は大学生で、応用化学を勉強しています) I usually get up at seven.(たいてい 7 時に起きます)

London is the capital of the United Kingdom. (ロンドンはイギリスの首都です)

2. 過去時制:過去の動作・状態・習慣・事実

I lived in Manchester three years ago.(3 年前はマンチェスターに住んでいました) I often played tennis when I was in my early teens.(10 代前半のとき、よくテニスをしました) Isaac Newton formulated the law of universal gravitation.

(アイザック・ニュートンは万有引力の法則を定式化しました)

3. 未来時制:未来の予定・予想、話し手の意志

I will visit my grandparents this weekend.(今週末、祖父母のところに行く予定です)

It is going to rain this afternoon. (今日の午後、雨が降るでしょう)

I will never give up. (絶対あきらめません)

3 Incomplete Sentences

Choose the correct wor	d or phrase to	o complete eacl	h sentence.
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1.	I usually	to school but yesterday I took a train.					
	(A) have walked	(B) walk	(C) walked	(D) will walk			
2.	I expect my brother	r	taller than me in a y	ear or so.			
	(A) has been	(B) is	(C) was	(D) will be			
3.	My sister	part-time	, but now she has a fo	ull-time job.			
	(A) is working	(B) will be work	(C) worked	(D) works			
4.	I don't want to live	in a high-rise apartr	nent as I	afraid of heights.			
	(A) am	(B) don't	(C) was	(D) will be			
5.	I	_ food in stock in ca	se a big earthquake	hits the city I live in.			
	(A) had	(B) have been	(C) have	(D) will be			

4 Text Completion

Select the best answers to complete the text.

	•	•		to the Northern Alps. The on and along the ridge to a
1. (A) w (B) w	ant ants anted		1 ,	
mountain-top lods	ge. We	S	omething like t	this every summer, but we
	2. (A) (B) (C)		Š	·
are already		about making s	ome changes fo	or next year. Betty says that
(C)	thinking thought thoughtful	king.		
6 Keywords				
Match each word i	with its Japa	nese equivalent.		
 armpit contortion abandon convenient alarmingly 	() () ()	2. 4.	_	() () () ()
a. ねじれ f. 見捨てる	b. エレベーク g. 尾根	ター c. 頭上スペ h. 脇(わき	-ス d. 便利な ·) i. 交通	e. 驚くほど j. 締め付ける

Teatime



- ・20世紀中頃まで警察官は 178cm の身長が求められました。1960 年に男性が 173cm、女性が 163cm に引き下げられましたが、それでも 1990 年代初頭まで 178cm を身長の基準(standard height)にしていたところもありました。その後基準は徐々に撤廃され、今日のイギリスでは、警察官の採用に身長制限(height restriction)はありません。
- ・2010 年に勤務わずか 1 か月で逮捕 17 件 という記録を作った警察官の身長は 152cm で、小柄で高性能なことから "laptop" (ノートパソコン) というニックネームがつけられました。"I have martial arts training so I don't see myself as more at risk than any other police officer." (格闘技のトレーニングをしているので、他の警察官より危険なことにはならない)と言っています。