

English Conversation Class ②

Today's main points :

Today, let's focus in on 2 things:

- Using conjunctions like 'because', 'so' and 'but'.
接続詞
- Using infinitive verbs:
動詞の不定詞
I will **try to study**. I want to **swim**.
I **hope to pass** the exam. I **decided to move** to Japan.

Using today's target language, 🗣️ let's talk about why you want to study English.

- ◆ Why are you interested in English? Why do you want to study English?

I **want to study** English to communicate with many people. · **Because** I **want to watch** and **understand** American movies. · **Because** I **like to listen** to pop music in English – I love Taylor Swift. · I **hope to pass** the TOEIC test in the future, **so** I **want to improve** my English knowledge. · I **want to speak English** better, **but** I don't know what to study... · I **decided to move** to the US, **so** I **need to speak** better English.

- ◆ Talking about someone you admire

I admire George Orwell, **because** he was a great writer who was very ethical. He wrote about his real experiences, **so** I think he was a very honest writer. I want to be a writer like him, **but** I am not talented.
倫理的な
才能がない
Have you ever heard of him? He wrote famous books like *Animal Farm* and *1984*, **so** he is very well-known.

I also like Joe Pass too, a wonderful guitar player. My parents love jazz music, **so** I heard a lot of jazz growing up. I have been practicing a lot recently, **because** I want to play jazz guitar, **but** it's very difficult. If you are interested in jazz music, you can watch Joe Pass playing guitar on YouTube. He's amazing. **But** listening to jazz guitar can't help improve your English – sorry!

◆ Talking about family:

Are you **married** / **single** ? · Do you have a **boyfriend** / **girlfriend**? · Do you have any **kids** / **children**? · Please tell me about your family. · Do you want to **get married** in the future? · Do you have any **brothers or sisters**?

I am married with 2 kids. · I have 2 daughters and 2 sons. · I have 1 older brother and 1 younger brother. · I have **no** brothers or sisters. · I am an only child. · **I live with** my parents but **I want to have** my own apartment. · I have a pet cat. · My children are **grown up** now. · My son is a farmer. · My daughter is a dentist. · Both my sons are professional athletes. · I have a cousin who lives in the US. · My uncle **owns** an architecture business. · My father **runs** an import/export company.

◆ Talking about a place you want to visit in the world, or in Japan:

Do you have a special place you'd **like to** visit someday? · Is there somewhere in Japan you would **love to** see? · Where do you **want to** go? · If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?

I **want to** climb Mount Fuji at least once in my life. · I would **love to** visit Machu Picchu someday. · I really **want to** see the pyramids. · Before I die, I **want to** climb Mount Vesuvius in Italy. · I would **love to** see the Northern Lights. · I have always **wanted to** see Paris from the top of the Eiffel Tower. · If possible, **I want to** participate in the Yakushima Ultra-Marathon. · I **want to** go to Australia to see koala bears someday.

Vocabulary:

I want to . . .

～ したいです。

I'd like to . . .

～ したいです。 *丁寧バージョン

Because ~

なぜなら ~

So ~

だから、~

But ~

でも~ ・ しかし~

If possible ~

もし可能なら

How do you say . . . in English?
…財布・カバ・吹雪・電車…

どうやって ~ 英語でいうの?

Why don't you . . . ?
…go for a walk?
…take a break?

～ してみませんか?

Why don't we . . . ?
…have a coffee?
…watch a movie?

一緒に ~ ~ してみませんか?

Have you ever . . . ?
…been to Africa?
…eaten horse-meat?

～ あったことがありますか?

What do you feel like doing now?

～ 今、何をしたいのですか?

I want to . . .
…eat a donut.
…go to an onsen.

～ 今、~ ~ をしたいです。

What do you think about . . . ?
…Japanese politics?
…education?

～ についてどう思いますか?

as much as possible ・ as much as you can

できるだけ ~

Do you know . . . ?

～をしっていますか?

Can you help me with . . . ?

～についてお手伝いいただけますか?

May I help you?

何かお手伝いしましょうか?

I have been _____ing since ~

～から、ずっと ~ やっていますよ。

I have always wanted to . . .

ずっと前から、 ~ やりたかった。

What kind of . . . do you like?
… food ・ sports ・ music …

どんな ~ ~ が好きですか?

I don't know where to . . .
… find big shoes in Japan.
… buy flowers.

どこで~ ~するか分からない。

English Resources:

Learning English with TV series:

<https://www.youtube.com/@LearnEnglishWithTVSeries>

(including Zootopia, Madagascar movies, US tv shows)



Watching movies in English:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIZZ8RjLIBI>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57vkwyHPEu0>



Bob the Canadian:

Learning English through Cooking Videos!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUDfTbBgIbc&t=464s>

<https://www.youtube.com/@LearnEnglishwithBobtheCanadian>



Nick sensei - English for Japanese learners:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9rSaSxIfgA>



Bi-lingual Chika :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sY0ydeXfmI4>

