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Home country or region / 出身国·地域 England

Languages I speak / 話せる言語 English and some Japanese

Academic specialties / 専門

The history of English, speaking skills, International Relations, Modern History

Hobbies or interests / 趣味·特技

I love football and I'm a fan of Southampton FC. I also enjoy F1, travelling, reading, cinema and cycling.

How I learned foreign languages When I was a student / 学生時代どのように外国語を学習したか

I studied French at school and was a poor student. This was mainly due to being lazy and having a low aptitude for language learning. However, as an adult learner of Japanese I study hard (almost every day) and use the language as much as possible.

## A message to students learning foreign languages /外国語を学ぶ学生へのメッセージ

Think of English as your language. Don't think of it as a foreign language but as your second language to communicate with people internationally. You do not need to speak like the Americans or British, rather you can speak English as a Japanese person with a Japanese accent. In addition, you do not necessarily need to learn about American or British culture because English speakers come from cultures all over the world. In fact, the Japanese are more likely to use English with Chinese and other Asian people than Westerners. In short, take pride in being a Japanese speaker of English, who can communicate with people from all over the world.