

Why do you study English?

What made you choose the foreign language course at Fudooka High School? Are you proud of your school? And, are you proud that you are a student of the foreign language course?

When I was transferred to Fudooka High School, I was a little surprised to find that there were no oral communication classes in the curriculum. According to the Course of Study designated by the Ministry of Education and Science, oral communication class is one of the elective subjects. Still most high schools have oral communication classes in their curriculum. “Why does Fudooka High School, with a foreign language course, not have any Oral Communication classes?” I asked myself.

One day, I asked one of the staff members who had been working at Fudooka for more than ten years, why our school didn't have any communication classes. She said, “Our focus is getting as many students as possible admitted to prestigious universities.” We cannot afford those speaking classes. Those kinds of playful speaking classes should be left in the hands of Ina-Gakuen or Wako-Kokusai.

Nowadays, all foreign language courses in Saitama prefecture have lost their popularity. Are you all right that English has been degraded to just an examination subject? Entrance exams are just around the corner and drawing nearer. I'd like to ask you “Why do you study English?” Your motivation to study English is now tested.

Questions

1. When did you start learning English? (Why that early?)
2. What made you interested in English?
3. How have you been learning English so far?
4. How are you going to study English with entrance exams slowly approaching?
5. Do you have any secrets for improving your English?
6. What are you studying English for?
7. What do you want to be in 10 years? Do you think that you will still be using English?

