

1 聞き取りの問題

問題A 次の英文が2回読まれるのを聞いて、問題用紙の指示に従って答える。

Hello everyone. Today, I'm going to talk about different kinds of English in the world. You will be surprised to know the spellings of some words are different between American English and British English. For example, many American people write the word "center" as "c-e-n-t-e-r", but a lot of British people write this word as "c-e-n-t-r-e." Like this, the spelling of the word "program" is "p-r-o-g-r-a-m" in American English, but in British English it is often "p-r-o-g-r-a-m-e". Meanings of some words are also different. For example, in American English a "subway" is a train that runs under the ground. In British English, it means a path for people to walk under the ground.

Sometimes people use different words for the same thing. I think you know the word "elevator". In America, many people use this word, but in the UK, people often use the word "lift" for an elevator. So you must be careful when you want to find an elevator in a building in the UK. You should ask someone, "Where can I take a lift?" If you know the difference between American English and British English, it will be easy to stay in the UK.

Now you know some examples of different types of English. Some of you may think it is difficult to understand different kinds of English, but in fact, it is no problem. Even when two men speak different kinds of English, both kinds of English were originally the same. The two men can communicate with each other better if they know about the differences.

Today, many people are learning English as a foreign language. Their English is different from our English. I think your English is a little different from my English but it's OK. Your English is one of many kinds of English in the world. Use your English and communicate with people all over the world!

問題B 次の英文が2回読まれるのを聞いて、問題用紙の指示に従って答える。

When I first came to this school in 2007, I felt very sad in this new country without a person I could call a friend. One day, when my mother saw tears in my eyes, she told me to remember my friends in Japan. My mother said, "Your friends are in Japan now, but they are always thinking of you, Hiroko." They were my best friends even after I left Japan. But before I heard her words, I was so angry about my change of lifestyle that I almost forgot about them. Then I found I had to change my way of thinking.

When I understood my mother's words, my life in London began to change. I started to talk to many students and teachers at school. I also went out with my new friends. I started to enjoy my life in London.

Meeting new people at a picnic, singing on the stage with my classmates, walking along the beach with my friends in the evening — all of these are wonderful memories.

I am lucky to meet kind teachers at this school. I'd like to thank every one of them for supporting me. I was not interested in science when I was in Japan, but Mr. Brian made me interested in it. Ms. Young was kind enough to answer my questions after school. Mr. Shin taught me that music is wonderful. Dr. Nash helped me to become a better English speaker.

Now I am going back to Japan very soon. I'll meet my friends in Japan and talk about everything I have done in London. I am so excited but I also have mixed feelings. I don't want to say goodbye to my friends in London but I have to. When my life in Japan starts again, I'm sure my mother will say to me, "Your friends in London are always thinking of you." I am very lucky to enjoy life in London and study with you all at this high school. Thank you very much.