

英 語



1 次は、中学生の幸子(Sachiko)が、学校であった「社会人講師(guest teacher)を招いて」という授業について書いたものです。英文を読んで、あとの問いに答えなさい。

This week, two guest teachers visited my junior high school and they talked about their jobs. This was a good chance to think about my future.

One of the guest teachers was Ms. Kato. She has a flower shop in my city. I bought flowers at her shop a few times, but I've never talked with her, so I was very interested in her speech. She said, "When I was a child, my mother put flowers in our rooms every day. They were pretty. Those flowers made me happy even when I had a bad thing. So I wanted to have my own flower shop and wanted to be always with a lot of flowers. After working at a flower shop for some years, I opened my flower shop three years ago. But (a) for me to keep a flower shop. I have many things to study, for example, I've studied about how to keep flowers fresh, how to make a bouquet, how to make a good combination of colors, and so on. Every Tuesday and Friday I leave home at 3:00 in the morning to buy flowers at the market. It's very cold and dark in winter, but I'm very happy to see people's smile. If you want to have a flower shop, you need to study many things, but (b) for you to like flowers. I want you to do one thing when you meet a clerk at a flower shop. ① Please (buy / her / tell / to / why / want / you) flowers. Then she will choose flowers to meet your purpose." I thought, "I'll buy flowers as a birthday present for my mother at her shop next Sunday. She'll make a nice bouquet for her."

The other guest teacher was a tour guide for foreigners, Mr. Tanaka. He uses English when he guides foreigners. He was a student at our school. He said, "When I was as old as you, in Kyoto I saw a woman guiding foreigners in English. She looked nice, and I wanted to be like her. I began to study English for the first time when I became a student here. English was very difficult for me and studying English took a long time, but I studied it very hard. I went to university to study English more. But soon I found that speaking English well was (c) ② to be a tour guide. I began to study about Japanese history and culture, too. Even now I study English and many other things every day. Tourists ask me a lot of questions. If I can't answer them, I can't be a good tour guide. (c) to have a dream, but if you don't take action toward it, it will never come true."

He taught me ③ something useful. It is important to have a purpose in my life and work for it. There are many different jobs and a lot of things that I can learn from working people. I'd like to exchange ideas about choosing a job with people and choose my own job in the future.

(注) job 仕事 future 未来 even ~でさえ keep ~ ... ~を…の状態に保つ fresh 新鮮な bouquet ブーケ combination 組み合わせ market 市場 dark 暗い clerk 店員 meet ~に合致する purpose 目的 tour guide ツアーガイド foreigner 外国人 guide 案内する for the first time 初めて university 大学 history 歴史 tourist 観光客 take action toward ~ ~にたいして行動をする come true 実現する exchange ~を交換する