

When I was twelve years old.
I watched an American movie called The "Gremlins".
It was my first time watching a movie in English with Japanese subtitles.
And it turned out to be a fun experience.
I began to like watching American movies after that.
And then, I started thinking,
"If I could have understood English, I would have enjoyed it even more".
I became interested in learning English.
And this is how My English Journey started.
The following year, as I entered Junior high school.
I was excited to start English classes.
Learning English became an enjoyable experience,
And I achieved a perfect score on my first English test.
This success further fuelled my passion for the language,
leading me to study English diligently throughout my school days.
I loved it.
After graduating from university,
I didn't get the chance to use English at my business.
And I was very busy in my 20's and 30's.
So I didn't study English for a long time.
In my 40's, I realized the situation in Japan was changing.
For example, Japan's population had been decreasing every year and still continues to do so.
Many Japanese companies have been trying to expand their businesses overseas.
And then I thought to myself that Japanese businessmen are going to need English skills as a necessity.
And it reminded me that I loved learning English in my school days.
I decided to embark on this journey once more three years ago.
I started studying it on my own.
I was lucky.
Because there were many opportunities to learn English around me.
For example, in the shape of YouTube videos, Netflix, and English classes for working adults.
I have studied English every day since then.
As I continued studying English, I realized that there was a big problem with my English skills.
I could read and write English but I had problems speaking and listening.
So I have tried communicating with foreigners online and learning English in a classroom.
Talking in English was very important for improving my English skills overall.
Now, many friends and I are learning English together.
And so now, as a result, I'm here with you today.
To conclude, let me tell you about my dream.
My dream for the future is that
I want to support foreigners coming to Japan for sightseeing and living in Japan.
Now I'm studying to make my dream a reality.
I know, the more I learn English, the more difficulties I'll encounter.
And My English Journey will never end.
But I wouldn't have it any other way.
Why? Because I love it.
And so, this is "My English Journey".