

Intermediate SAMPLE A

Talk about what is hard or easy for you to do.

Read Elliott and Mai are talking about an upcoming chorus contest. Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Elliott: I'm enjoying practicing for the chorus contest. It's not easy for me to remember the Japanese lyrics, but the melody is good.
 Mai: Yeah, I like the song, too. But it's difficult for me to sing it.
 Elliott: You, too?
 Mai: I'm a soprano, but some notes are too high for me.
 Elliott: I see. Let's just do our best, and maybe we'll win the contest!

Helpful Words

- chorus contest 「合唱コンクール」
- lyrics 「歌詞」
- melody 「メロディー」
- soprano 「ソプラノ」
- note 「(音符の表す) 音」

Grammar Focus

.....It is... (for+人)+to 不定詞

It's important to listen to others. 「他人の言うことを聞くのは重要です」 肯定文
 It's not easy for him to get up early in the morning.
 「彼にとって、朝早く起きることは簡単ではありません」 否定文
 Is it hard for her to finish everything on time?
 「彼女にとって、全部を時間通りに終わらせるのは大変ですか」 疑問文

Practice 1

Talk about what is fun for you to do.

あなたにとって、何をすることが楽しいかを話そう。

For example **It's fun for me to** learn new things.

Idea Box

1  make sweets

2  go to baseball games

3  read my favorite actor's blog

Practice 2

Read the dialogue and talk about what you think is important to do.

会話を参考に、あなたが重要だと思うことについて話そう。

For example

Elliott: Do you like your school?
 Mai: Yes, I do. I especially enjoy talking with my friends every day. I think it's important to have many friends.
 Elliott: That may be true, I'd rather have a few close friends.
 < Talk about what you think is important to do. (重要だと思うことを話そう)
 Mai: That's good, too.
 Elliott: I don't think people have to have many friends. I prefer quality over quantity. < Give the reason. (その理由を話そう)

Helpful Words

- prefer 「...を好む、選ぶ」
- quality over quantity 「量より質」

Conversation Tips

- That may be true, but... 「それは正しいかもしれないけど、...」
- I'd rather... 「...する方がよい」

Idea Box

- 1 study[work/practice] hard
「一生懸命に勉強する(努力する/練習する)」
- 2 help other people[students/members]
「ほかの人々(生徒/部員)を助ける」
- 3 prepare and review for class
「授業の予習・復習をする」
- 4 try something difficult[new]
「難しい(新しい)ことに挑戦する」

Activity

Talk about what is easy or hard for you to do.

あなたにとって易しいこと、あるいは難しいことを話そう。

Idea Box

- 1 go to morning practice
「朝練に行く」
- 2 make a speech in front of others
「人前でスピーチをする」
- 3 learn new English words
「新しい英単語を覚える」