

【英検®2級】長文読解 1/10 〈夏期講習会〉

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5 Subject: Preparing for Career Day

Hi, Yuki,

Thank you for staying after school yesterday to discuss our presentation for Career Day. I know you have been busy preparing
10 for the English speech contest, so I really appreciate your help. Since our presentation will be given to all first-year students next Friday, I hope we can finish everything several days in advance and have enough time to practice together.

As we decided during yesterday's meeting, our presentation will
15 focus on the importance of communication in different careers. We have already interviewed a professional chef, a police officer, and an employee at a travel agency. Although their jobs are very different, they all explained that listening carefully, sharing information, and showing respect for other people are essential for
20 building good relationships. I was surprised to discover how similar their opinions were despite their different occupations.

Yesterday evening, I organized all of our interview notes and created several slides that compare their answers. I also found some useful photographs that we can include in the presentation.
25 However, I am still worried that some of the graphs may be difficult for the audience to understand. Could you look at them and tell me whether anything should be changed? Your advice is always helpful because you usually notice small details that I miss. Our teacher also suggested adding a short quiz at the end of the
30 presentation. He believes that asking a few questions will keep students interested and help them remember the main points. If

possible, could you prepare three simple quiz questions before Monday? After that, let's meet in the library to practice our presentation one final time. With enough effort, I'm sure our team
35 will give an excellent presentation and leave a positive impression on everyone.
Best wishes,
Emily Carter
Student Council

(1) Why did Emily write this e-mail?

- ① To ask Yuki to help finish preparing for Career Day.
- ② To invite Yuki to join the English speech contest.
- ③ To introduce several interesting careers to Yuki.
- ④ To thank Yuki for giving a successful presentation.

(2) According to the e-mail, what did the people they interviewed have in common?

- ① They all worked for the same company.
- ② They believed communication was important in their work.
- ③ They wanted to become English teachers.
- ④ They planned to visit the school on Career Day.

(3) What does Emily ask Yuki to do before Monday?

- ① Prepare three quiz questions.
- ② Interview another travel agent.
- ③ Find more photographs for the presentation.
- ④ Change the presentation topic.

B

B Why Communication Skills Matter

Many people believe that success at school or work depends mainly on knowledge and technical skills. While these abilities are certainly important, many employers now say that good communication skills are equally valuable. A person may have excellent ideas, but those ideas will have little value if they cannot be explained clearly to other people. For this reason, schools have recently begun to provide more opportunities for students to practice speaking, listening, and working together.

One common example is project-based learning. Instead of studying every subject alone, students often work in small groups to solve problems or prepare presentations. During these activities, they must exchange information, discuss different opinions, and make decisions as a team. Sometimes disagreements occur because each student has a different way of thinking. However, by listening carefully and showing respect for one another, they can usually find a solution that satisfies everyone. These experiences also help students become more confident when expressing their own ideas.

Communication is also important outside the classroom. In many companies, employees regularly participate in meetings with customers, business partners, or coworkers from other countries. As a result, they need to explain their opinions politely and understand different cultures. Even when people make mistakes, honest communication often helps prevent small problems from becoming serious ones. Many successful professionals believe that trust grows through open and respectful conversation.

Of course, nobody becomes an excellent communicator overnight. Like learning a foreign language or playing a musical instrument, communication improves through continuous practice and effort. People who are willing to learn from others, accept advice, and keep challenging themselves are more likely to succeed in both their careers and their personal lives. As society becomes

increasingly connected, communication will remain one of the most valuable skills anyone can develop.

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(4) According to the passage, why have many schools recently changed their teaching methods?

- ① To reduce the amount of homework students receive.
- ② To help students improve their communication skills.
- ③ To prepare students for international travel.
- ④ To encourage students to study alone.

(5) According to the second paragraph, what can students learn through project-based learning?

- ① How to avoid working with other people.
- ② How to memorize information more quickly.
- ③ How to cooperate and solve problems together.
- ④ How to become professional teachers.

(6) Why is communication especially important in many companies?

- ① Employees usually work by themselves.
- ② Companies do not use modern technology.
- ③ Employees often work with people from different backgrounds.
- ④ Business meetings are becoming shorter every year.

(7) What does the passage suggest about communication skills?

- ① They can be improved through regular practice.
- ② They depend mainly on natural talent.
- ③ They are only necessary for business leaders.
- ④ They become less important as technology develops.

(8) What is the main idea of this passage?

- ① Technical knowledge is more important than communication.
- ② Communication skills help people succeed in many situations.
- ③ Schools should replace all classes with group work.
- ④ Modern technology has made communication unnecessary.