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I went to two English camps last year, which were a lot of fun. I started studying English when I was in the fourth grade of Elementary school. I talked with foreign people in English and we had a Halloween party in the class. I have wanted to talk with them a lot since then. So I thought the English camp was a good chance for me to do that.

At the camp I enjoyed some activities with the other students. I also learnt about the culture and manners of foreign countries from the AETs. The first camp was held in Seishonen-kaikan. I stayed there for three days. At first I was worried about communicating with the AETs and the students from the other Junior High Schools. But soon I was relieved because they all talked to me and were very friendly. We played a fun gestures game and played a detective game at night. Of course, we used English all the time. At first, I was a little nervous when I spoke English because I thought I wasn't very good. But I still enjoyed it very much. I felt English was very useful to understand each other.

The second camp was even better. I went to British Hills in November. I stayed there for two days. I studied English with Ms. Chloe, who was my AET when I was in Elementary school. British Hills has many gorgeous buildings like those in England, so while I was there, I felt like a rich person. I did many activities there. I was most impressed by the dessert making. I often make some sweets at home. I made some scones then. They were very delicious and I did it very well. After making the desserts and cleaning, the teacher told us that it was still dirty and we should do it again. He said this three times. It was very scary. But it is still a very good memory. By the end of the camps I thought I could speak English better than before.

From the camps, I learnt that speaking English is fun and you should never be afraid to make new friends. I also enjoy talking to foreign people because they are always happy and lively. We will be able to talk with a lot of people around the world if we try to use English more. I think it is a good way to live together in peace. I want everyone to know that speaking English is fun. There are many things that I learnt from this experience. I think this experience can help me in my future job and I also want to work as a bridge between Japan and foreign countries.