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Learning a new language

A lot of people think that learning a new language requires talent, intelligence, money and time for attending language classes. Because of that, they gave up and stick to their native languages instead. Truth is, learning a new language is easy as long as you are determined and not afraid to make mistakes.

As a foreign student in Ryudai, I feel that English is definitely not suffice for me or anyone to live in Japan. I was motivated and determined to learn Japanese so I attended some Japanese classes offered by the Global Education program. I also tried to listen and practice with my Japanese labmates and they are very helpful to point out my mistakes. As anyone would have act in a foreign country, I felt embarrassed or shy whenever I tried to speak their native language. Was my accent funny? Was my grammar correct? Did he understand what I was trying to say? I thought too much and I was trying to be perfect. But, the trick in learning a new language is not to be perfect. Don't be afraid to embarrass yourself and make mistakes. Because that is how you truly and effectively learn something. And all these not only apply to foreign students who want to learn Japanese, it goes the same to Japanese students who want to learn English or other languages as well.

The human pride is something that is hard to swallow but if you relax and have fun, you'll realise that you'll be able to master your desired language in no time.

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