

Episode3-09

びっくり！英語のコミュニケーション

物語本文

It didn't take long for Ken to feel at home in Kyoto.

After all, it was his hometown.

He enjoyed bicycling along the city streets and seeing familiar sights.

But one thing was a little strange.

Wherever Ken and his sister went, people seemed very surprised to see them.

This began as soon as they arrived in Japan.

They first noticed it on the long train ride from Tokyo.

Whenever they spoke to each other, the other passengers stared at them like they were aliens.

At first, they didn't know the reason.

Were their voices too loud? Was it their Canadian clothes?

But they soon figured it out.

In fact, the reason was clear.

They were speaking English!

問題文と選択肢

What surprised people about Ken and his sister?

- ① The clothes that they were wearing.
- ② The language that they were speaking.
- ③ The loudness of their voices.

答え ② The language that they were speaking.

ワンポイントアドバイス



ケンは京都での生活にすぐ慣れて、元気いっぱい過ごしています。見慣れた景色を見ながら、自転車で走り回っています。しかし、1つだけ気になることがありました。それは他の人たちがどこに行ってもケンたちのことをじろじろと見ることです。それは日本に帰ってきた時から始まっていました。電車の中でも、京都の街中でも、理由は一体何でしょうか…ここでの重要表現は “Whenever they speak to each other, the other passengers stared at them like they were aliens.” (2人がお互いに話すときはいつでも、他の乗客は彼らを宇宙人のようにじろじろ見ました。)です。Whenever の表現は「～する時はいつでも」と考えます。他にも speak to は話しかける、each other はお互いに、stared at じろじろと見た、見つめた、そして最後の like は「～のように」と考えましょう。



エピソード3-09で覚えないキーワード

- It didn't take long (時間は) 長くかからなかった
- feel at home くつろぐ
- familiar 見慣れた、おなじみの
- strange 奇妙な、不思議な
- whenever ~する時はいつでも
- as soon as ~するとすぐに
- notice(d) 気づいた
- on the long train ride 長い電車の道中
- At first はじめは
- voices 声
- figure(d) out 見当がついた、わかった、理解した
- In fact 実は、実際は
- clear 明らか