

## Episode4-10

### 高校の思い出

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#### 物語本文

When Ken started high school, he joined a club called the English Speaking Society, or ESS. The club was for having fun with English, not just studying it.

That year, the club tried many new things. Ken wrote a play in English, and the club members performed it on stage. Then he wrote a musical. He and his friend wrote all the songs.

One day, a junior high student visited Ken. "I want to join an English speech contest," he said, "but I can't speak English well. Can you help me?" "Of course!" Ken replied.

It was the biggest speech contest in Japan for junior high students.

With Ken's help, the boy won second place!

A few days after the contest, Ken's school had a special event.

All the students gathered in the large meeting hall. The boy who won second place was there, too. The principal called the boy to the stage and praised him for his big achievement.

Then, the head English teacher came to the microphone.

"Ken," he said, "that boy won because of your help." Everyone clapped and cheered. They were all happy for Ken.

At that moment, Ken made a decision about his future.

He knew what he wanted to do.

#### 問題文と選択肢

#### Why was everyone happy for Ken?

- ① With Ken's help, a boy won second place.
- ② With his friend's help, Ken wrote a musical.
- ③ With a teacher's help, Ken gave a great speech.

答え ① With Ken's help, a boy won second place.

## ワンポイントアドバイス



ケンは高校生になりESSというクラブに所属します。そこで英語の学習だけでなく劇やミュージカルまで広い活動に挑戦しました。ある日、お願い事がある一人の中学生がケンのもとにやってきます。それは今後のケンの未来を大きく決めるものでした。

ここでの重要表現は14行目 The principal called the boy to the stage and praised him for his big achievement. (校長先生はその少年をステージに呼び、彼の大きな功績を褒め称えました。)です。praise は praise + 人(目的語) + for <行為> という形を取ることが多く、「人を<~という行為>で褒める」と和訳します。

この他に7行目の junior high student では junior high school student の school が省略されています。意味を考えると複雑ではありませんので、省略表現に慣れるようにしましょう。



### エピソード4-10で覚えないキーワード

- society 社会・集団
- a play 劇、芝居 (名詞のため単数形のaや複数形の-sが付く。)
- replied 答えた
- With Ken's help ケンの助けによって
- won 勝ち取った、勝った
- second place 準優勝・第二位  
(順位は first place や third place のように place を用いる。)
- gathered 集まった
- The boy who won second place 準優勝したその少年は
- microphone マイク
- because of your help あなたの助けのおかげで
- clapped 拍手した
- cheered 歓声を上げた
- at that moment その瞬間
- made a decision 決心した、決定した
- what he wanted to do 彼が何をしたいのか