# Some Useful Expressions To Help You Communicate In English

# （英語でのコミュニケーションに役立つ表現集）

**■ General And Impersonal Topics People Like To Talk About:**

（人々がよく話す一般的･個人的すぎない話題）

- The weather / Prices of things / Travel problems
- Entertainment (movies, concerts, TV, music)
- Sports (what's popular in Canada and in your country)
- Comparing customs in your country to those in Canada

**■ Questions Used To Get Opinions / Ideas From People:**

（相手の意見やアイデアを引き出す質問）

- What do you think about ___?
- What's your opinion?
- How do you feel about ___?

**■ Expressions For Giving Your Opinions / Ideas To People:**

（自分の意見やアイデアを伝える表現）

- I think ... / I believe ... / I feel ... / In my opinion, ...

**■ Asking Someone To Give More Information About Their Opinion:**

（相手に意見の詳しい理由を聞くとき）

- Why?
- Why do you say (or think) that?
- How come?

**■ Ending a Conversation:**

（会話を締めくくるとき）

- Well, I have to go now. Bye!
- It was nice talking with you. Bye!
- Sorry, but I've got to run. Bye!
- Sorry, but I should get going. Bye!

■ **Strong Expressions:** ( 強い好みを表す表現 )
- I really like ___!
- I like it a lot!
- I think it's excellent!

■ **Neutral / Weak Expressions for Preferences or Dislikes:**
( 控えめな好みや控えめな拒否·不満を表す表現 )
- It's O.K. / It's all right. / It's not too bad.
- I prefer _____.
- I don't really like / care for / feel like ____.

■ **Strong Agreement:** ( 強く同意するとき )
- Absolutely! / Certainly! / Definitely! / You're right!

■ **Weak Agreement:** ( 控えめに同意するとき )
- I don't mind. / I suppose so. / O.K., I guess. / If I have to.

■ **Asking For Directions:** ( 道を尋ねるとき )
- Excuse me. Could you tell me where the ___ is?
- Excuse me. Could you direct me to the ___?
- Excuse me. Could you show me how to get to the ___?
- Excuse me. Where is the ___?

■ **Possible Instructions From People:** ( 道案内で相手から返ってくる表現例 )
- Turn right / left at ___, and you will see the ___.
- Go right / left at ___, and then walk / go ___.
- Go / Walk along this street, and then turn / go ___.
- You will see the ___ (next to / beside / across from / near) the ___.

■ **Thanking Someone For Their Assistance / Help:**
( お礼を伝えるとき )
- Thank you very much!
- Thanks a lot!
- Thanks!
- Thank you for your help / assistance!

■ **Prices and Shopping**（買い物とお会計）

(If the clerk speaks first)（店員から話しかけられたとき）
- May / Can / Could I help you?
- What can I do for you?
- Would you like some help?
- What would you like?
- Are you looking for something?

(Customer's answer)（客側の返答）
- Yes, please. I'd like to know how much this _____ costs.
- Yes, please. How much is / are the _____?
- Yes, please. What's the price of _____?

(If the customer speaks first)（客から話しかけるとき）
- Excuse me, could you please tell me where the _____ is / are?
- I wonder if you could help me. I'm looking for _____.

■ **Answering the Phone (when host family is not home)**
（電話対応：ホストファミリーが不在のとき）
- Hello. They're not home right now. Please call back later. Can I take a message?

■ **Answering the Door (when host family is not home)**
（来客対応：ホストファミリーが不在のとき）
- Hello. She's / He's not home right now. Could you please come back later?

■ **At the Dinner Table (your host family is asking you to eat more, but you don't want to)**
（食卓にて：おかわりを断りたいとき）
- Thank you, but I'm full.
- Thank you, but I'm saving room for dessert.

■ **Declining an Invitation (shopping, outings, etc.)**
（お出かけの誘いを断るとき）
- Thank you, but I don't really feel like going today. I'd like to stay home and relax.
- Sounds great, but I have to study. Maybe another time!

**■ Going Out / Late for Dinner**

（外出するとき·夕食に遅れるとき）

- I'll be late for dinner tonight. I'll be home around 7:00.
- Please leave some food for me.
- I won't be home for dinner tonight.

**■ Asking Your Host Family for a Ride**

（ホストファミリーに車での送迎をお願いするとき）

- Would you mind giving me a ride to the bookstore?
- Could you pick me up at the bookstore at 6:00?

**■ Lost and Asking for Help**

（道に迷って助けを求めるとき）

- Excuse me, could you help me? I'm lost. Here is my host family's address and phone number. Could you help me call them?