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### # Like The Berlin Wall

Someday I want to fly around the world freely. But in the world there is a big wall waiting for me. It is not the Great Wall of China or a sports record. The big wall is a language barrier. In order for me to get over the wall, I need wings. The wings are learning foreign languages and being able to speak freely. If I can learn some languages, my wings will be bigger and I will be able to fly into a wider world. Today I'd like to tell you my (three) steps to getting over the wall.

I became interested in English when I was three years old. When I heard somebody speaking English at that time, I approached them willingly. I was innocent and brave. Even though we don't have enough knowledge of the language, we will be okay if we have courage. My first step to getting over the wall was “being innocent and brave at the age of three”.

By the way when we play a sport, do we need just knowledge of the sport? The answer is no. Mastering a sport requires not only knowledge but also practice. Similarly we need practice in order to learn how to communicate in foreign languages. So I've practiced some phrases enough times to memorize them. This is my second step to breaking the wall.

These days I see many foreign tourists from Asian countries, especially from China. One day my father was asked the way to their hotel by some Chinese tourists. My father thought that if he had explained in Chinese, they would have been happier. I realized that learning other languages can help us to not only fly around the world but also help others. “We should do to others what we want others to do to us.” This motivation is my third step to breaking the wall. After the chance to speak to the Chinese tourists, my family and I started learning Chinese. But it is not easy especially the pronunciation. One day I said to my Chinese friend, “ヘンガオシンレンシニ (中国語)” I meant to say “Nice to meet you” but he made a frowning face. Yes, my Chinese pronunciation was wrong. It should have been “ヘンガオシンレンシニ (中国語)”. Don't they sound the same? (That's right.)

I'm also in the Japanese sign language club at school. When I saw one of my friends

using sign language, I was impressed by his facial expressions. With Sign language you can easily express the meaning of words and feelings using your hands, facial expressions, and body language. I'm going to show you an expression in sign language to everyone now..... which means "Nice to meet you". Did you get it? I'm sure you did it. How expressive it is.

My wings are still small. But to getting over the wall with my wings, I would like to make every effort by taking the three steps I mentioned earlier. My innocence and bravery, memorizing useful phrases and the desire to help others. And I'm sure that being here on this stage is an important step for me to grow my wings.

In the future, I will strive to learn many more languages. I imagine the language barrier will be broken. Just like the Berlin Wall. Thank you!