

連句 英作文

Multi-Phrase
Sentence
Construction

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1) はじめに

自由英作文の難しさとは？

よく言われる英作文の書き方は「まず日本語で回答を作り、それを英訳する」である。しかし、この方法には欠点がある。

- ・日本語の回答は思いつくが、英訳できず、回答内容を再考することになる。
- ・再考してみるものの、時間内に適切な回答が思いつかず、チープな答案になる。

そもそも英語という言語は「はじめに結論があり、後ろに情報を追加していく言語」である。よって、言語の特徴を踏まえた、本質的な英作文の作り方を伝授する。

それが「**連句英作文**」である。

自由英作文を「2ステップ」で作る

連句英作文は、次の2ステップで作る。

STEP1. 短文で骨子を作る。

STEP2. 句で肉付けをする。

具体的な問題で解説しよう。

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Write your own opinion on the use of electric bikes. Write your answer in about 100 English words, not counting punctuation marks.

STEP1. 短文で骨子を作る。

まずは簡単な短文で骨子を作る。この段階で論理的な文章にしておくことがポイント。

I believe electric bikes are very convenient

You only need a small force to pedal an electric bike

Also, electric bikes do not need gasoline

Therefore, people who cannot afford to buy a car can still buy an electric bike

For these reasons, I strongly recommend using electric bikes

STEP2. 句で肉付けをする。

句は「2つ以上の語が集まった意味のかたまりで、SVがないもの」である。

受験生の英作文は、稚拙な節（SVを含む）の寄せ集めになりがちである。これは**baby sentence** と呼ばれ、採点者の心象も悪く、論理構造もまとまらない傾向にある。

そこで、句をいくつも連結させていくことで、短文を立派な文章にしていくのだ。

先ほどの短文（青）に句（赤）を連ねると次のようになる。

（解答）

I believe electric bikes are very convenient for people to go to places close to their houses.

With an electric motor, you only need a small force to pedal an electric bike, which makes it very easy to ride for elderly people who have weak legs or for mothers who need to ride bikes that are carrying heavy groceries or children.

Also, electric bikes do not need gasoline, which makes them easier to maintain, less expensive, and more eco-friendly for the environment.

Therefore, people who cannot afford to buy a car can still buy an electric bike to help them get around in their neighborhood more quickly than walking.

For these reasons, I strongly recommend using electric bikes in your daily life. (101 words)

句は短く端的なので、追加しやすい上に、ミスが少ない。

それにも関わらず、各文が非常に表現豊かになっているのがわかるであろう。

よく使う句・10選

よく使う句を知っていると肉付けがしやすくなる。特によく使う句は以下である。

for~（～のために）

to~（～するために）

with~（～と一緒に）

like~（～のように）

by~（～によって）

such as~（～といったような（例示））

due to~（～が原因で）

during~（～の間に）

, especially~（特に～）

, which~（関係詞）

様々なバリエーションを巻末に掲載したので、ひと通り頭に入れたい。

連句英作文のメリット

◆先に短文を書くことのメリット

- ・一歩目が踏み出しやすい
- ・短文なので間違った英語を書きにくい
- ・骨子を先に作るので論理構造がブレにくい

◆句を連結することのメリット

- ・句が短いため、間違った英語を書きにくい
- ・句のバリエーションを頭に入れると、書くことが思いつきやすくなる

2) 問題と解答例

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大問 4

問: Virtual Reality (VR)* refers a high-quality simulation of reality created by a computer. Probably the most famous use for VR so far is gaming. But VR has also been used to improve society in various fields such as education, medicine, and engineering. Describe a **single** specific way that virtual reality can be used to improve society. Explain your idea in detail **in about 100 English words**.

Notes: VR systems use special glasses that completely cover the user's eyes. These glasses show a very realistic picture of a world created by the computer. In addition, the systems can tell when the user moves their head, arms, and sometimes other body parts. So users can control the action by natural movement. Some systems even let users feel like they are touching things. Thus, VR systems can make users feel like they are really in another world.

解答:

骨子

Virtual Reality can be used in many wonderful ways

One of the ways is for education

Virtual Reality can be used at schools

The learning will be more interesting and realistic

Virtual Reality will improve their learning experience

Virtual Reality can be used in many wonderful ways to help our society improve. One of the ways is for education which has difficulty letting students get real hands-on experience of everything that they learn in class. Virtual Reality can be used at schools to help them see what they are learning is really about, especially in classes such as geography, social studies, and science. The learning will be more interesting and realistic with the use of Virtual Reality that can show the actual sceneries and people at the places where they are studying. Virtual Reality will improve their learning experience only with the use of special classes while sitting in their classrooms with their pens and paper. (118 words)

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大問 2

(A) 今から30年後、移動（例えば、通勤や通学、旅行）の手段はどうなっているか、理由を添えて、60～80語の英語で述べよ。

解答: I believe the transportation system will be very different from what we use now in our daily lives. For example, we will probably use more trains and cars without drivers that are controlled by AI for commuting and traveling. Thanks to the advancement of technology, transportation systems are changing in a way that people living now cannot even imagine. To make them more efficient, AI-controlled vehicles will be a great option in 30 years due to the advanced technology. (80 words)

解答:

骨子

I believe the transportation system will be very different
we will probably use more trains and cars
transportation systems are changing
AI-controlled vehicles will be a great option

I believe the transportation system will be very different from what we use now in our daily lives. For example, we will probably use more trains and cars without drivers that are controlled by AI for commuting and traveling. Thanks to the advancement of technology, transportation systems are changing in a way that people living now cannot even imagine. To make them more efficient, AI-controlled vehicles will be a great option in 30 years due to the advanced technology.

大阪大学

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大問3 効率やスピードを重んじる傾向が最近の世の中にはありますが、それらを追求することについて、あなたはどのように考えますか。具体的に利点もしくは問題点を1つ挙げて、80語程度の英文で述べなさい。

解答:

骨子

Efficiency and speed have been emphasized more than ever before
Businesses are pursuing customer satisfaction
Products are delivered quickly
Services have become more efficient
I believe something good can come out

Efficiency and speed have been emphasized more than ever before in the business world for the last decade. Businesses are pursuing customer satisfaction by improving these areas where the demands are growing, which is a benefit to both businesses and customers. Products are delivered quickly to the customers who are eager to receive what they have purchased. Services have become more efficient to meet the needs of people in a hurry in