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英検 3 級総合対策 テキスト

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ライティング編

3 級

- ★ ライティングの問題はコスパが最もよい、お得なパートです。対策をしないであきらめるのはもったいない。練習をすれば必ず合格点を取れるようになります。いっしょに頑張っていこう！

第 1 講

主語と動詞を入れる

- ★ 英語は、基本的に主語で始めます。主語の後ろには、基本的に動詞が続きます。
- ★ 日本語には動詞の無い文がたくさんありますが、英語の文には動詞が必要です。
- ★ 特に忘れやすい動詞は、**is(am, are)**です。

(1) 彼女は東京出身だ。 ヒント:「～出身」は from～。

(2) 私はあなたの部屋にいます。 ヒント:「部屋の中にいる」ということ。

(3) ボブ(Bob)はジョン(John)の弟だ。 ヒント:「ジョンの」は John's。

(4) 私の学校はここ付近にある。 ヒント:「～の近く」は near～。

(5) あれは本ではありません。

復習ページ

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第 2 講

be 動詞と一般動詞

- ★ 動詞には 2 種類あります。be 動詞と一般動詞です。
- ★ be 動詞は is、am、are の 3 種類あります。一般動詞は数万にのぼりますが、3 級のライティングに使うのは、せいぜい 50 個でしょう。
- ★ 書こうと思う内容の中から動詞を見つけられない、と思ったら、be 動詞を書きましょう。

(1) 私は日曜日も学校に行く。 ヒント:「〜も」は文末の too。

(2) 私は自転車を持っていない。

(3) アン(Ann)はテニスが好き。 ヒント:三単現の s に注意!

(4) あちらは私のおばです。 ヒント:動詞はなんだろう?

(5)【やや難】彼は月曜に国語の授業がある。

復習ページ

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(2) 私は自転車を持っていない。

(3) アン(Ann)はテニスが好き。

(4) あちらは私のおばです。

(5) 【やや難】彼は月曜に国語の授業がある。

第3講

have を使いこなそう

★ I have ~ の形で、様々な内容を表すことができます。

★ 押さえておきたい have の表現一覧

I have a sister	「姉妹がいる」
I have a dog	「犬を飼っている」
I have my room	「(家に)自分の部屋がある」
I had a good time	「楽しんだ」(had は have の過去形) ※「～を楽しんだ」と言いたい場合は、enjoyed ~を使うこと。
I have a cold	「風邪をひいている」
I have a broken arm	「腕を骨折している」
I have dinner	「夕飯を食べる」
We have 1,000 students in our school	「学校には 1000 人の生徒がいる」

(1) 私には兄弟が一人います。

(2) 私は猫を飼っています。

(3) 私には自分の部屋がありません。

(4) 私は風邪をひいています。

(5) 私は足を骨折しています。

ヒント:「足」は my leg。

(6) 私は 12 時にお昼を食べます。

ヒント:「12 時に」は at 12 o'clock。

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第 4 講

前置詞を使いこなそう

★ in や for、with などを用いる前置詞と呼びます。前置詞の後ろには名詞を置きます。この前置詞 + 名詞のカタマリは様々な意味を文に付け加えます。

★ 1 つの前置詞には複数の意味がありますが、ここではとりあえず、代表的なものを 1 つ覚えましょう。

押さえておきたい前置詞一覧

in ~	~の中に
for ~	~のために
with ~	~と一緒に
at ~	~で(場所を示すときに使う)
from ~	~から
to ~	~へ
of ~	~の
on ~	~の上に
by ~	~の近くに

(1) あなたのために、夕飯を作りました。

I made dinner _____.

(2) 私は学校でサッカーをした。

I played soccer _____.

(3) 彼はアメリカから来ました。

He came _____.

(4) レストランでお昼を食べた。

I had lunch _____ a _____.

(5) 家族と一緒に、旅行をした。

I traveled _____ my _____.

(6) 鳥が教室の中に入ってきた。

A bird came _____ my _____.

(7) 机の上にスマホを置いた。

I put my smartphone _____ the _____.

復習ページ

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第 5 講

使える動詞を覚えよう！

★ 「よく使う動詞」を覚えておくと便利です。ここに載っている動詞は必ずすべて覚えよう！

押さえておきたい動詞一覧

～が欲しい	I want ~	
～したい	I want to ~	※「～」に入るのは動詞。
～が好きだ	I like ~	
～するのが好きだ	I like to ~	※「～」に入るのは動詞。
英語を話す	I speak English	※wellを付ければ「上手に話す」。
～を学ぶ	I learn ~	
働く	I work	
～を楽しむ	I enjoy ~	※「～」には動詞の ing 形も入れてよい。
走る	I run	
～をつくる	I make ~	
～を食べる	I eat ~	※eatの代わりに have でも良い。
～を飲む	I drink ~	
～に住んでいる	I live in ~	
～を使う	I use ~	
～を教える	I teach ~	
(スポーツ)をする	I play ~	
(楽器)を弾く	I play the ~	

練習問題

- (1) 私は名古屋(Nagoya)に住んでいる。
- (2) ケンは上手に英語を話す。
- (3) 私は朝、2, 3 個のリンゴを食べる。
- (4) 彼女は野球をすることができる。
- (5) 森さん(Ms. Mori)は英語を教えている。
- (6) 私の犬はとても速く走る。
- (7) ケンはいっしょうけんめい数学を勉強する。
- (8) 【やや難】6月によく雨が降る。
- (9) 私は朝にピアノを弾いた。
- (10) エミは昨日(yesterday)、夕飯をつくった。

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第 6 講

作文してみよう！①

★ 実際の問題は、以下のような形式に沿って出されます。

★ 解答欄にある空欄を、自分で考えた文で埋めてみよう！

- ・あなたは、外国人の友達から以下の QUESTION をされました。
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QUESTION

Where do you want to go on your birthday?

解答欄

I want to go to _____.

First, I _____.

Second, I _____.

ヒント: Where do you want to go で「あなたはどこに行きたいですか」。birthday は「誕生日」。

復習ページ

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QUESTION

Do you want to work in a foreign country in the future?

解答欄

↓好きな方を選んでね！

Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

First, _____.

Second, _____.

ヒント: a foreign country で「外国」。in the future で「将来」。

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スピーキング編

3 級

- ★ スピーキングはパターン化された設問があります。まずはこれを確実に仕留めることが大切。あとは、普通の文法問題集に出るような問題と同じものです。スピーキングといえど、大切なのは文法問題を解く力。

3級スピーキングの問題構成

- ① 20秒の黙読の後、文章を音読する。
- ② その文章に関する問題に1つ答える。
- ③ イラストについての問題に2つ答える。
- ④ 自分自身についての問題に2つ答える。

※このうち、②と③の前半の問いがパターン化している。

ここを対策し、本番で確実に取ることが戦略となる。

例題

Listening to the Radio ← タイトルも読むこと

There are many kinds of radio programs. People often enjoy listening to sports or their favorite songs. People can learn English and other languages from the radio, **so** it is very useful.

これより前の文が問1の答え！



【Questions】

← 対人では聞き取る必要があります

No. 1 Please look at the passage. What can people learn from the radio? — **They** can learn English and other languages (from the radio).

原文の **people** を代名詞 **they** に変えること！

コツ: ①原文の **so** よりも前の文を答える②主語を代名詞に変える③質問が **Why** で始まっていた場合、**Because** を付けて答える

No. 2 Please look at the picture. What is the man going to do?

— He **is going to** read (a [the] newspaper).

コツ: ①吹き出しの有無を確認する。②吹き出しがある場合 → He / She is going to+(V)~ ③吹き出しが無い場合 → He / She is (V)ing

No. 3 How many cups are there on the table?

— There are two (cups) (on the table).

No. 4 What do you like to do on weekends?

—— I like to play tennis.

No. 5 Have you ever been to a foreign country?

Yes. → **Please tell me more.**

—— I've been to America.

No. → **What country would you like to visit?**

—— I'd like to go to Mongolia.

戦略：問題1と問題2を確実に取る。残りの問題には、完璧でなくても聞かれて

いることにしっかりと答えるようにすること！

実戦問題①

Baseball Caps

Baseball caps are popular in Japan. Baseball fans often wear them at stadiums when they watch their favorite teams. Some people worry about strong sunlight, so they wear baseball caps on hot summer days.



Questions

No.1 Please look at the passage. Why do some people wear baseball caps on hot summer days?

No.2 Please look at the picture. How many people are sitting under the tree?

No.3 Please look at the girl with long hair. What is she going to do?

No.4 What time do you usually go to bed?

No.5 Have you ever been to a zoo?

Yes → Please tell me more.

No → What do you like to do in winter?

解答例

No.1 **Because** they worry about strong sunlight.

No.2 Two people **are sitting under the tree.**

ここまでしっかり答えること！

No.3 She **is going to** throw the ball.

No.4 **I** go to bed at ten.

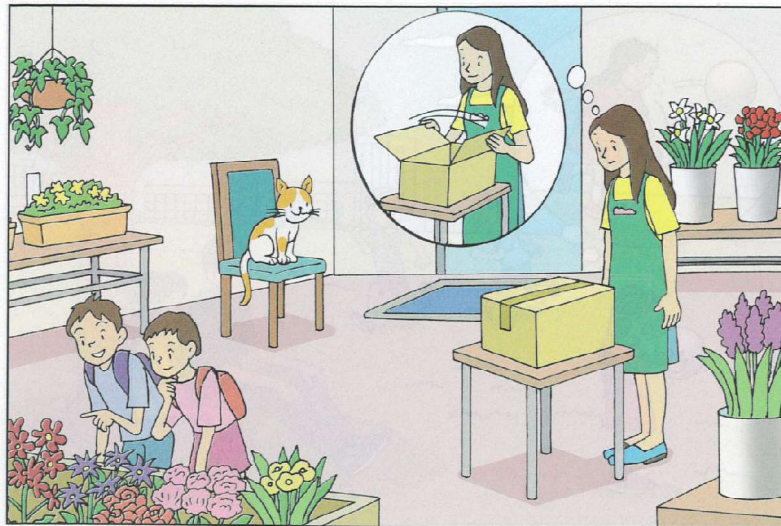
No.5 Yes. **I** visited a zoo on Sunday. / No. **I** go skiing with my friends.

問 4, 5 は I(私)から答え始めること！

実戦問題②

Flower Shops

There are many flower shops in Japan. They sell different types of colorful flowers. Many people like to keep beautiful flowers in their homes, so they go shopping for flowers each season.



Questions

No.1 Please look at the passage. Why do many people go shopping for flowers each season?

No.2 Please look at the picture. Where is the cat?

No.3 Please look at the woman with long hair. What is she going to do?

No.4 What time do you usually get up on weekdays?

No.5 Are you a student?

Yes → Please tell me more.

No → What are you going to do this evening?

解答例

No.1 **Because** they like to keep beautiful flowers in their home.

No.2 It's on the chair.

No.3 She **is going to** open a box.

No.4 I get up at seven.

No.5 Yes. I like to study math. / No. I'm going to read a book.

実戦問題③

Pets

Many people want to have a pet dog. Playing with dogs can be relaxing. Some people don't have time to take dogs for walks, so they get pets such as hamsters or birds.



Questions

No.1 Please look at the passage. Why do some people get pets such as hamsters or birds?

No.2 Please look at the picture. How many people are wearing hats?

No.3 Please look at the man. What is he doing?

No.4 What did you do last Sunday?

No.5 Do you like shopping in your free time?

Yes → What do you like to buy?

No → What do you want to do this summer?

解答例

- No.1 Because they don't have time to take dogs for walks.
- No. 2 Three people are wearing hats.
- No.3 He is cooking.
- No.4 I played with my cousins.
- No.5 Yes. I like to buy books. / No. I want to go to a foreign country.

リーディング編

3 級

- ★ リーディングパートは、端的にいえば「単語力」。建前は単語力、文法力、和訳力の足し算で結果が決まる、というものだが、この中でも「単語力」さえあれば何とかなる。

第 1 講

例題

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Ridgeport Beach Event

Are you looking for a way to help your local community as volunteers?

Ridgeport Town will hold its first big cleaning event of the year, and everyone is invited to join! Come to Ridgeport Beach and help us to keep our beach clean, safe, and beautiful!

Volunteers must sign up on our website before the event.

- There will be free parking at the beach.
- Ridgeport Park staff will give you trash bags and gloves if you need them.

Date: Saturday, March 2

Time: 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Place: Ridgeport Beach

Sign up before February 15.

(1) Ridgeport Town wants

- 1 visitors to bring their own trash bags.
- 2 volunteers who can clean the beach.
- 3 help at the parking lot.
- 4 ideas about changing the website.

(2) What time will the event end?

- 1 At 10:00 a.m.
- 2 At 12:30 p.m.
- 3 At 2:00 p.m.
- 4 At 2:30 p.m.

コツは2つ。①単語を覚えること、②全文を読むこと。

単語リスト

beach	there is ~
look for ~	parking lot
way	give+人+モノ
local	trash
as ~	glove
volunteer	if ~
hold ~	need ~
invite ~	date
be invited	place
join	want 人 to (V)
keep ~ clean	visitor
sign up	bring ~
before ~	

実戦問題

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This Saturday's Basketball Game

Brownsville Junior High School's basketball team will have a big game this weekend. We want all students to come!

Place: Springfield Junior High School's gym

Please ask your parents to take you to Springfield Junior High School. It's far away, so they will have to drive there. They can put their car in the parking lot near the school. Then you have to walk five minutes from there to the front gate.

Time: 7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

The game starts at 7:00 p.m., but please arrive before 6:30 p.m. The doors of the school will be closed until 6:00 p.m.

Let's have fun!

(1) If students want to watch the game, they should go

1 on foot from the parking lot to the front gate.

2 by car to Brownsville Junior High School's gym.

3 by bike to Springfield Junior High School.

4 by train to Springfield.

(2) When will the school doors open on Saturday?

1 At 6:00 p.m.

2 At 6:30 p.m.

3 At 7:00 p.m.

4 At 8:30 p.m.

第 2 講

例題

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From: Brian Carter
To: Miranda Carter
Date: March 2
Subject: Grandma's house

Hi Miranda,

It was nice to see you at the park yesterday. We're family, but we don't see each other often enough! I want to talk about planning the family reunion* in July. Last year, we had it at Grandma's house. She moved in February, and her home is too small now. Could we meet at your house instead? I can help you to prepare. What do you think?

Your cousin,
Brian

From: Miranda Carter
To: Brian Carter
Date: March 2
Subject: Another place

Hi Brian,

Thank you for planning the reunion, and you're right. Grandma's new house is too small! I'd love to invite everyone to my house instead, but I can't. We're going to renovate* our kitchen that month, so we can't use my house. How about going to Westside Park? It has picnic tables, and kids always enjoy playing there. Or how about the community center by the river? I don't know much about it, but I've been there before for other events.

Thanks,
Miranda

From: Brian Carter
To: Miranda Carter
Date: March 2
Subject: Good idea

Hi Miranda,

Westside Park is nice, but it might be too hot there. I think the community center is a great idea. I looked at their website, and we can use the large rooms for \$50 an hour. I have a work meeting until 3:00 p.m. today. After that, I'll call and ask them about using one of their rooms. For the reunion, we'll have to order food from a restaurant, but if everyone can help to pay, it won't be too expensive.

Thanks again for your help!

See you,
Brian

*reunion: 再会の集い *renovate: ～を改装する

(1) When will the family reunion be held?

- 1 In February.
- 2 In March.
- 3 In June.
- 4 In July.

(2) What does Miranda say about **Westside Park**?

- 1 There are some picnic tables there.
- 2 It is next to the river.
- 3 She can see it from her house.
- 4 Her school reunion was there.

(3) What is Brian going to do today?

- 1 Meet with Miranda.
- 2 Borrow some money.
- 3 Change his meeting time.
- 4 Call the community center.

コツ: 根拠はまんべんなく散らばっている!

単語リスト

subject	prepare
see	another
enough	right
plan ~	I'd love to (V)
Grandma	month
(Grandpa)	so
move	use ~
too ~	How about ~?
Could we ~?	table
(Could you ~?)	kid
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instead	enjoy ~

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実戦問題

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From: Kathy Ramirez
To: Alison Ramirez
Date: April 3
Subject: Party for Mark

Hey Alison,

Guess what? Mark is going to go to Hillside University to study for four years! I can't believe our younger brother will go to such a good university. I was so surprised when I heard that news, but I know he studied hard and did well in high school. He says he's going to study science. I'm planning a party for him this Saturday at Mom and Dad's house. I'll ask some of his friends to come, too. Can you help me to get ready for the party? It'll start at 4:00 p.m., so I want you to arrive by 3:00 p.m. to clean our parents' house with me. Of course, Mom and Dad will help, too. Also, could you make curry and rice and bring it to the party? It's Mark's favorite food, and he thinks your cooking is delicious.

Your sister,
Kathy

From: Alison Ramirez

To: Kathy Ramirez

Date: April 3

Subject: Great news!

Hi Kathy,

That's great news! I can't believe Mark will go to university soon! He really wanted to go to a good university, so I'm sure he is very happy. I can help you to prepare for the party on Saturday. I have a singing lesson from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. After that, I'll go to the supermarket and buy meat and vegetables, and then I'll make curry and rice at my house. I'll arrive at Mom and Dad's house at 2:30 p.m. Then I can help you to clean the house.

See you on Saturday,

Alison

(1) Why was Kathy surprised?

- 1 Her brother didn't do well in high school.
- 2 Her brother will go to Hillside University.
- 3 Her brother said he didn't like science.
- 4 Her brother will go to a different high school.

(2) Kathy wants Alison to

- 1 call Mark's friends.
- 2 make some food for the party.
- 3 tell their parents about Kathy's plan.
- 4 find a place to have the party.

(3) What will Alison do after her singing lesson?

- 1 She will eat curry and rice at a restaurant.
- 2 She will clean her house.
- 3 She will pick up Mark from school.
- 4 She will go shopping at the supermarket.

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例題

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Bing Crosby

タイトルが最終問題のヒント!

Bing Crosby was one of the most popular American singers and actors of the 20th century. He was famous for his singing, and many people today still enjoy his songs. When he was a child, Crosby's parents had a record player,* and he often listened to music. When he was a university student, he wanted to become a musician, and he played the drums and sang in a band.

After university, Crosby moved to California with his friend Al Rinker. They wanted to become famous singers, so they began taking part in vaudeville shows. Vaudeville is a kind of performance, and the shows often have music, dancing, and magic. Their performances were popular, and they did many shows together. They also played jazz music, and Crosby was known for singing jazz songs.

From the 1930s, Crosby had his own radio show, and millions of people listened to it. Crosby also acted in many movies and TV shows. He was very successful in the 1940s. In 1945, he won an acting award for his movie *Going My Way*.

Crosby not only enjoyed singing but also playing sports. Golf was his favorite sport, and he helped to create a golf tournament. The tournament is still held every year. It is now one of the most famous golf tournaments in the United States. Crosby continued playing golf until he died in 1977. Although he died many years ago, people remember his beautiful voice, his acting, and his love of golf.

*record player: レコードプレーヤー

- (1) When Bing Crosby was at university, he
- 1 was a member of a band.
 - 2 was taught by a famous musician.
 - 3 gave his mother some drum lessons.
 - 4 bought a record player for his parents.
- (2) What did Crosby and Al Rinker do together?
- 1 They wrote several movies.
 - 2 They performed in shows.
 - 3 They made a new type of jazz music.
 - 4 They played on a sports team.
- (3) When did Crosby win an award for acting?
- 1 In 1930.
 - 2 In 1940.
 - 3 In 1945.
 - 4 In 1977.
- (4) What did Crosby help to start?
- 1 A golf shop.
 - 2 A chorus contest.
 - 3 An acting school.
 - 4 A golf tournament.
- (5) What is this story about?
- 1 A famous singer and actor.
 - 2 One of the first jazz bands.
 - 3 The first golf club in California.
 - 4 A popular type of radio.

コツ: ①タイトルが最終問題のヒント、②各段落につき、一問が対応。

実戦問題

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Saffron

Saffron is a spice* that is used for cooking in many countries around the world. It is made from small parts of a flower called a crocus. These parts are red, but food cooked with saffron is yellow. Many people think the taste is strong and delicious. Saffron is used to cook many kinds of food, such as rice, meat, and soup.

People in parts of Asia have used saffron when they cook for a long time. It has also been popular for hundreds of years in parts of southern Europe. Later, people in other places started using it, too. Many people used saffron for cooking, but some people used it for other things. It was given to sick people to help them to feel better, and people also used it to dye* clothes.

Making saffron isn't easy. Usually, more than 150 crocus flowers must be collected to make one gram* of saffron. The flowers only grow for a few months in fall and winter. The flowers are weak, so people have to collect them with their hands. This takes a long time, so many people are needed to collect them. Also, the flowers should be collected early in the morning before the sun damages* them.

For these reasons, saffron is expensive. It is the most expensive spice in the world. In the past, it was more expensive than gold. However, people don't need to use much of it when they cook because of its strong taste. Because of that, many people still buy saffron to use at home.

*spice: 香辛料

*dye: ~を染める

*gram: グラム

*damage: ~を傷つける

(26) What is saffron made from?

- 1 Meat.
- 2 Rice.
- 3 Parts of a flower.
- 4 A yellow vegetable.

(27) What has been popular with people in parts of southern Europe for a long time?

- 1 Using saffron in their meals.
- 2 Wearing yellow clothes when they are sick.
- 3 Washing clothes with saffron.
- 4 Visiting doctors in Asia.

(28) What do people need to do when they collect crocus flowers?

- 1 Use their hands.
- 2 Start when it is hot outside.
- 3 Use an old machine.
- 4 Start early in the afternoon.

(29) People don't use a lot of saffron when they cook because

- 1 it makes most people sick.
- 2 red isn't a popular color.
- 3 it is difficult to buy.
- 4 it has a strong taste.

(30) What is this story about?

- 1 A spice that people don't eat anymore.
- 2 A new way to grow many kinds of flowers.
- 3 A popular spice that is used in many dishes.
- 4 A place that is famous for flowers.