**Interview\_2:**

1. **Which language are you learning ?**

Chinese

1. **What’s your native language?**

Japanese

1. **Why are you studying?**

In my bachelor degree, learning a language other than Japanese and English was compulsory.

**→ Why did you choose Chinese?**

I thought Chinese ability was in demand because it’s spoken in many countries and most of those countries are economically growing.

1. **When did you start?**

When I was 18 years old.

1. **What was the hardest part of learning the language?**

I was not so motivated to learn Chinese, and it was the hardest part for me.

**→ Why were you not motivated?**

Because it was not my decision to learn it. I was learning it just because it was compulsory.

**→ What about the challenges you had other than motivation?**

Pronunciation was really hard. Chinese has so many sounds and if you pronunce slightly different, then it means different thing. I still can’t do it.

→ **How did you tackle it?**

I tried to mimic Chinese teacher’s pronunciation, but I didn’t practice so hard.

**→ Was the teacher native speaker?**

Yes. The class was conducted in all Chinese. I sometimes couldn’t understand.

1. **How do you practice speaking?/ how many hours a day? /Any tools?**

The class was 3 times a week for 2 years if I recall correctly. Each class was for 90 minutes. I think each lesson had some time for practicing speaking, such as repeating after the teacher. Usually we just followed the textbook.

**→ Do you think it was useful? / enough?**

If I took it more seriously, maybe it was enough time. But because I was not motivated, I learned little, just enough knowledge to pass the exam and that’s it. After the exam, I forgot everything.

→ **What do you think would be helpful to motivate you at that time?**

Hmm maybe opportunities to use Chinese outside of classes. For example if I had Chinese friends in uni, then I would have been more motivated to learn Chinese to talk with them.

1. **What was your best method for practicing speaking? Face to face, texting, reading or movies. Etc??**

Hmm I can’t really tell because I wasn’t able to speak Chinese in the end. But I would say trying to remember some useful phrases would be helpful, because for most of the time the problem is you don’t know what to talk when you have little vocabulary or knowledge of a language.

1. **Did you practice with native speakers, other students or alone?**

Mostly with other students in class.

1. **How did you find a person to talk (practice) the language to?**

I just attend the class.

1. **How did you stay motivated when learning a new language? What made it fun?**

Like I said I was not motivated, but from my experience I can say that having a good reason or purpose of learning a new language is important to motivate myself. Otherwise it is just painful and it is likely to just give up.