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My Weak Points About English Conversation

I have stay at Rose-Hulman for two weeks two years ago. I used a program for short study abroad, and it was my first visit to the U.S. I could not catch their English and speak English at all. After coming back to Japan, I learned English hardly because I thought that a lack of ability to use English would make my experiences poor in the future. I trained my English, and I felt it got better than two year ago. Then, I applied to midterm study abroad at Rose-Hulman, and I was accepted. This study abroad is a retrying to English virtually.

However, I felt some shocks about because I could not listen to their English still. Basically, native English speaker's pronunciation is hard for me. They often join the end of a word and the beginning of a word. I had a trouble to analyze and separate to a word and a word from words. The other day, a student asked me, "How was a career fair?" I misunderstood his words, "How was Korea?" I was really confused, I could not understand what was he saying. Instead of me, my friend answered and I figured out what he said. I think this trouble is not unusual, many people who are not nonnative English speaker have it. I am especially poor at listening English, and I want to develop it. When I can not catch what people say, I can not answer well. It robs me of an opportunity to speak English, too.

In addition, I struggled to tell my intention and opinion to others. I tried to translate me intention into English from Japanese, but their grammar are totally different. Sometimes people misunderstood my opinion, but I could not make a correction. That is because I do not

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how to say to correct. Therefore, I learned it not good way to translate from Japanese to English. I should speak to more people and hear how do they use English grammar.

I learned my weak points about my English skill since I came to the U.S. I will do my best to study and train myself during a half year.