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### The Power of Imagination

Imagination is the key to creating your future. So, let's take a minute and do some imagining.

Imagine yourself as an English speaker.

Where are you? What are you doing? Are you working in an office? Or are you traveling and making new friends all over the world?

You see, many Japanese people talk about learning English. But do they have a goal in mind when they say this? Do they have a vivid picture of what they want to do as an English speaker? In most cases, they don't. And that's a problem.

I want you to take this time to think about what your goal in learning English is.

Some people say it's to broaden their horizons; others, to meet new people. Perfectly reasonable goals.

However, there is just one goal that I want to ask you to avoid. That is "to be able to speak English like a native speaker."

"Speaking like a native" – (it's a) nice thought, but is that a vivid picture?

Not quite. The problem with this goal is that it lacks specificity, which is crucial to us as learners of English.

(The) fact of the matter is, we can only achieve what we can imagine realizing. Without a vivid mental picture of your future self, you won't be able to achieve your goals.

So how can we discover our true goals?

Well, the answer actually lies within us, within our own needs and desires.

Dig deep inside yourself to find them. Use these to envision your goal. Imagination - imagination is the key to creating your future.

So this boils down to two very simple questions. What do you want to do with English?

How do you imagine yourself as a future English speaker?

Just remember, we can only achieve what we can imagine realizing.