



My name is George Wallace. George is my given name, and Wallace is my family name. Wallace is a name that comes from Scotland. My father was Scottish, my mother English. I am from England. I was born and brought up in the southwest of England. I came to Japan in the late 1980s and started teaching at Daito Bunka University more than 25 years ago.

I am doing research on three writers of children's literature. The first writer is Beatrix Potter, the author of "The Tale of Peter Rabbit". The second writer is Lewis Carroll, who wrote the books "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass". The third writer is Kenji Miyazawa. I have been translating his stories into English on and off for the last thirty years.

My favorite book is "The Hound of the Baskervilles" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. It is a Sherlock Holmes story. The story is set in the southwest of England, not far from where I grew up. I have read the story at least a dozen times.

My favorite singer from the United Kingdom is Tom Jones. One of my favorite songs by Tom Jones is “The Green Green Grass of Home”.

My favorite place in Takasaka is the zoo near the Higashi Matsuyama campus. If you walk down the hill from the university towards the station, the zoo is on your right. The zoo is a big park full of beautiful trees and wonderful animals, such as zebras, giraffes, goats and koala bears. There is also a building called the Beatrix Potter Reference Library. It is a museum full of books and pictures about the life and work of Beatrix Potter. Beatrix Potter wrote “The Tale of Peter Rabbit” and created the characters you see on the university bus that takes you to Takasaka station.

And finally... If you want to get better at English, use English as much as you can. The more you practice English, the better you will get. If you want to play the guitar well, you have to practice every day. It is the same with English. Practice English every day.