



More Than English Podcast

Episode 14: Moving to the US as a child (Interview w/ Atsuko Pt. 1)

VOCABULARY and EXPRESSIONS

(The words and terms are in order of when you will hear them)

To make up your mind – (expression) to make a final decision

“He made up his mind and decided to study abroad.”

Against my will – (expression) to have to do something when you don’t want to

“It wasn’t my desire. It was against my will, actually.”

What you’re talking about – (grammar) to understand somebody

“I could finally understand what they were talking about.”

Back then – (expression) The way something was in the past

“Nowadays, Japanese children start learning English at a very early age, but back then, I was raised in a very remote, rural area...”

Quite a few – A way to say ‘many’.

“I had some very close friends, quite a few, actually.”

To miss something – (vocabulary) to wish you had something

“I missed that lifestyle, but my grandparents were waiting for me.”

(not) At all – zero of something

“I don’t drink Coke at all now.”

To some extent... – (expression) in some way; a little

“To some extent, I had some pride because I lived in the United States.”

To hinder – (vocabulary) to block something from happening

“Did that hinder your progress?”

Muscle memory – when you’ve done something so many times that your body remembers how to do it.

“Your listening came back because of muscle memory.”

Tricky – (adjective) something is difficult because it’s confusing

“So, it’s a tricky thing.”

Did you catch any other phrasal verbs or expressions you like? Write them here.
