

# Interrogative Word "Why"

**Grammar > Intermediate 4** 



# Exercise 1 – Learning

#### How do we ask a question with 'why'?

Put 'Why' at the beginning of a yes-no question when you want to ask about the reason something happens/happened.

*Ex:* Do you cook?  $\rightarrow$  **Why** do you cook?

#### How do we answer a question with 'why'?

- 1. Use 'because' + noun clause:
  - I cook **because** I like cooking.
  - Because I like cooking.
  - I cook **because** it is cheaper than eating out.
  - **Because** it is cheaper than eating out.



### 2. Use **'to' + verb**:

- I cook **to** save money.
- **To** save money.
- I study **to** pass the exam.
- To pass the exam.

#### 3. Use **'for'** + **noun'**.

- I cook **for** fun. (= I like cooking).
- For fun.
- I cook **for** financial reasons. (= cooking is cheaper than eating out)
- For financial reasons.



## Exercise 2 – Multiple Choice

Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

- 1. Why \_\_\_\_\_ your favorite color red?
  - a) is
  - b) are
- 2. Why \_\_\_\_\_ you there?
  - a) was
  - b) were
- 3. Why \_\_\_\_\_ you so tall?
  - a) is
  - b) are
- 4. Why \_\_\_\_\_ they there?
  - a) was
  - b) were



- 5. Why \_\_\_\_\_ you like watching TV?
  - a) do
  - b) does
- 6. Why \_\_\_\_\_ they cry yesterday?
  - a) does
  - b) did
- 7. Why \_\_\_\_\_ he go to England so often?
  - a) do
  - b) does
- 8. Why \_\_\_\_\_ you become a police officer?
  - a) does
  - b) did



## Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

**Example:** I go to school. → Why do I go to school?

#### **Content:**

- 1. The ocean is blue.
- 2. We live here.
- 3. You like spicy food.
- 4. He uses a computer.
- 5. She was sick.
- 6. Lisa learned English.