

# Why Are You Learning English?

## Exercise 1

### Vocabulary

#### why

Interrogative

/waɪ/ used to ask about the reasons for something

Why are you learning English?

#### learn

Verb

/lɜːn/ to get knowledge or skill

I'm learning English.

#### practice

Verb

/'præktɪs/ to do an activity regularly so that you can become better at it

I practice reading English news every morning.

#### the reason why

Phrase

/ðə 'riːzn waɪ/ used to explain why something is the way it is

The reason why I am late is due to a terrible traffic accident.

#### pronunciation

Noun

/prəˌnʌnsiː'eɪʃən/ the way in which a word is pronounced, spoken

Her pronunciation is very good.

#### improve

Verb

/ɪm'pruːv/ to become better

My teacher said that my English is improving!

#### fluently

Adverb

/'fluːəntliː/ using a language easily, correctly and naturally

You speak English fluently.

#### ESL

Noun

/iː es el/ English as a Second Language - the teaching of English to people who speak a different language

ESL education is very important for working with people from different countries.

## Exercise 2

### Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Grace and Alex are talking about learning English.

Grace



Why are you learning English, Alex?

Alex



I'd like to become an international businessman. I'm excited to give a speech in English one day.

Grace



Wow, that's great! So, that's why you practice speaking English?

Alex



The reason why I practice a lot is to improve my pronunciation. I think it's still not good.

Grace



I disagree. You have really improved.

Alex



Thank you, but I'd like to speak fluently like a native speaker.

Grace



There are differences between a native English speaker and an ESL speaker. I think your English is very good as a non-native speaker.

### Check your understanding:

1. Why is Alex learning English?
2. What is the reason why Alex practices speaking?
3. Does Grace think Alex's English is bad?

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### Exercise 3

## Listening Comprehension

Listen to your teacher read the text then choose the correct answers to the questions.

1. Where did Carol and Paul have dinner?
  - A. They went to a restaurant.
  - B. They had dinner at Carol's place.
2. What do both Carol and Paul like to do?
  - A. Both like to speak French.
  - B. They both enjoy travelling.
3. When did Carol start studying French?
  - A. She started learning French when she was an elementary school student.
  - B. Carol began studying French in college.
4. How did Paul improve his pronunciation?
  - A. Paul lived in France for a year.
  - B. Paul has been studying French since high school.

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### Exercise 4

## Discussion

1. Why are you learning English?
2. How long have you been studying English?
3. What do you do to improve your speaking skills?
4. Do you think it's difficult to study English alone?
5. How would you describe your current English abilities?