



Lesson 07: Why Are You Learning English?

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

why	(ADV.)	used to ask about the reasons for something	Why are you looking at me?
practice	(V.)	to do an activity regularly so that you can become better at it	He's practicing his magic.
the reason why	(PHRASE)	used to explain why something is the way it is	The reason why I am late is due to a terrible traffic accident.
pronunciation	(N.)	the way in which a word is pronounced, spoken	How can I improve my English pronunciation ?
improve	(V.)	to become better	She is trying to improve at tennis.
fluently	(ADV.)	using a language easily, correctly and naturally	I want to be able to speak English fluently .
ESL	(N.)	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 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Bob and May are talking about their about learning English.



May

Why are you learning English, Bob?



Bob

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



May

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



Bob

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



May

I disagree. You have really improved.



Bob

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



May

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:

- Why is Bob learning English?
- What is the reason why Bob practices speaking?
- Does Grace think Bob 's English is bad?

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?

