

'Why here? Why now?'

1 Read Eric's blog post and discuss how you would respond in pairs.



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Take a look at this fact I found out today: around 600,000 people travel to the UK every year to learn English!!

So that got me thinking. What is the best way to learn a language? Is it doing a language course in the country? Or living abroad for a few years? Watching TV in your target language? Or signing up to a language learning app? Or maybe it's private conversation classes on Skype?

Let me know your views!

2 Look at the exam task below. What does the writer need to include in their answer? Underline the keywords in the exam question.

EXAM TASK

You see this announcement on the noticeboard of an English language school:

Articles wanted

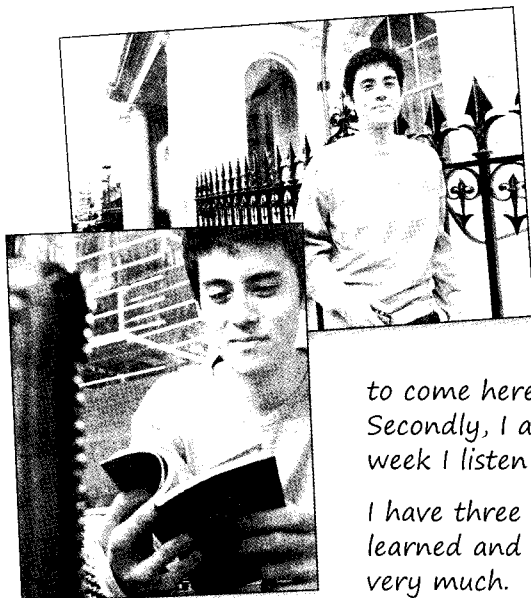
WHY HERE? WHY NOW?

We would love to hear why you have decided to take an English course with us now and why you chose this area.

The best articles will be published on our website.

3 Look at the two sample answers. Which do you prefer?

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'I have to tell you a serious thing, Mr Ikeda'. Last November a section manager of my ex-company told me this. It made me surprise. The company was bankrupt. That is why I quit my job and came to London.

Then why London? There are two reasons. First of all, I like the English language. In Japan we are usually taught English in the American style. But I like British English because I'm a big fan of British comedy films. This made me decide to come here and study the language through British culture. Secondly, I am interested in British music very much. Every week I listen to the 'official top 40' in Britain.

I have three weeks left before I go back to Japan. I think I have learned and discovered a lot here, which makes me satisfied very much.