

Why / Why don't ... ? Because ...

We usually answer *why* questions with *because* to give a reason.

Why did you buy a new watch?

Because my old one stopped working.

We can also use *why* questions to make suggestions.

Why don't you eat more fresh fruit? It's good for you!

When we use *why don't* to make suggestions, we don't use *because* in the answer.

Why don't we go for a walk?

That's a good idea.



1 Read and match.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 Why don't you buy the red hat? | a Because I'm having a party. |
| 2 Why are you so sad? | b Because I didn't feel well. |
| 3 Why did you buy so much ice cream? | c It looks good on you. |
| 4 Why don't you go to practice earlier? | d Because I can't find my dog. |
| 5 Why didn't you go to class today? | e You won't be late. |

2 Read and choose the correct options.

- | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Why are you learning English? | a Because I want to live in England one day. | b It's amazing. |
| 2 Why don't you buy your mom a necklace? | a Because she loves accessories. | b She loves jewelry. |
| 3 Why is Maxine late again? | a Because she missed the bus. | b She will be here soon. |
| 4 Why don't the children play outside? | a It's a beautiful day. | b Because it's a beautiful day. |
| 5 Why is your dad angry? | a It's not nice. | b Because I lost his favorite book. |