

## Why do we do that? Answers

**1. Because sometimes our mistakes are not important, because we are focussing on other things, e.g. communicating our ideas**

**2. Because we make some mistakes just because we are tired, for example, and others are things we don't understand – these are more important**

**3. Because we practice more speaking and listening, and there is more real communication.**

**4. Because our teacher sometimes needs to just listen to us and analyse our language**

**5. Because it's difficult to learn lots of words – a few is better**

**6. Because this is a very good way to remember the word, understand the meaning, and practice using it**

**7. Because sometimes learning lots of rules does not help us learn to communicate**

**8. Because English is a complicated language with many, many words. Sometimes we need to check what they mean.**

**9. Because tests tell us a lot of useful things about what we have learnt and what we need to learn next**

**10. Because sometimes learning and practicing is more important than worrying about passing or failing a test**

**11. Because it is very useful and natural to talk about other things in our daily lives.**

**12. Because we can learn a lot by correcting each other's language, then checking with the teacher**

**13. Because language always changes and grows, and we can always learn new things**

**14. Because not all the coursebook is useful – our teacher's job is to decide what is**

**15. Because we need to practice as much as possible outside the class**

**16. Because if we correct our own mistakes we can remember them and learn**

**17. Because if we correct each other's mistakes together we can remember them and learn**

**18. Because there are many different kinds of English and they are all correct. We learn the English we need**

**19. Because if we do this then we always think in our first language and never start thinking in English**

**20. Because if our teacher explains things in English then we learn**

**21. Because we can practice the pronunciation of a word together, and so we can concentrate on the word and not feel uncomfortable**

**22. Because sometime we get tired and need to move around, and change places. This gives us more energy.**

**23. Because we can always learn from other people in the class, and changing partners means we learn more**

**24. Because this is very good practice for using them, and it helps us remember the word. If the teacher just tells us the answer then we don't learn very much.**

**25. Because we can practice our English by talking about problems we had and finding answers together, then we can check with the teacher**