

Why/Because



"Why . . . ?" is one of the more difficult Wh questions and is generally one of the last question types children comprehend. Review the child's ability to answer who, what, and where questions prior to beginning this section.

Directions

1. Photocopy each picture and fold up the bottom of each page to cover up the pictured response.
2. Have the child look at the picture. Read the question at the top of the page and allow the child time to think and give a correct response. Ask the child to color in or draw the object/action that shows the answer to the question. (If the child is unable to color independently, use hand-over-hand guidance to help him or her color.) For example, to answer Why do people use paper plates?, the child could draw a wastebasket.
3. If the child gives an appropriate response, unfold the page to show the pictured response as a reinforcement of the child's correct answer.
4. If the child has difficulty formulating a complete or specific response, unfold the page to provide a visual prompt while you provide a verbal model and repeat the question.

Example

Why do people exercise?

Stimulus (page 82) →

The example shows a question 'Why do people exercise?' followed by a stimulus 'Stimulus (page 82)' with an arrow pointing to two illustrations. The first illustration shows a person running on a treadmill. The second illustration shows a person holding a mirror.

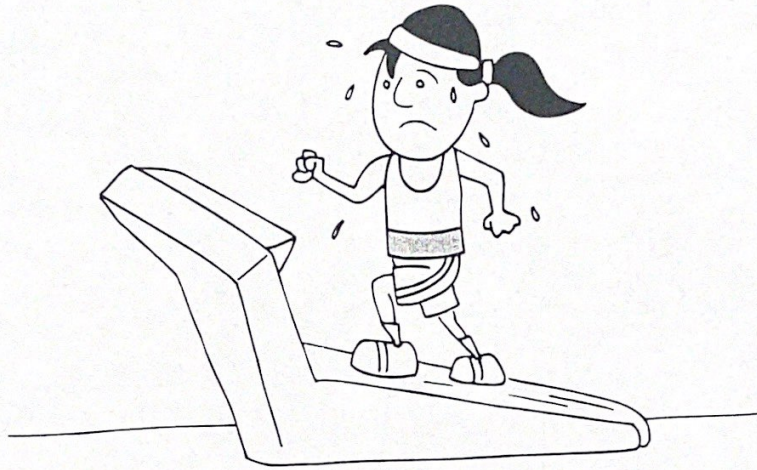
Appropriate Responses

Beginner	Intermediate	Advanced
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Single-Word Response	Multiple-Word Response	Complex Utterance
"Healthy."	"Stay healthy."	"People exercise to stay healthy."

Other Suggestions

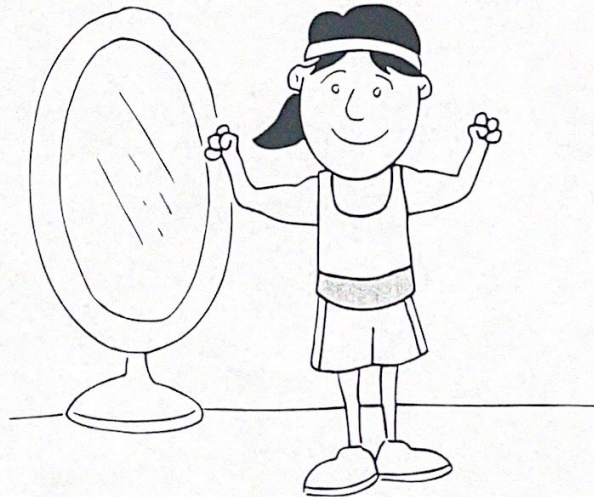
- Act out situations in symbolic play in which you pretend to be disappointed, proud, sad, etc. Have the child tell why you are laughing, crying, etc. For example, pretend to stub your toe and have the child tell why you are crying.
- To try more advanced why questions, tell a short story or read a short book and have the child answer simple why questions about the story.

Why do people exercise?

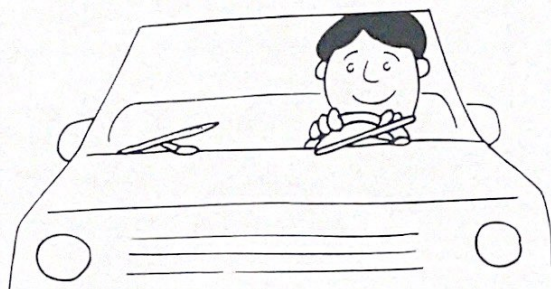


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Why do cars have windshield wipers?

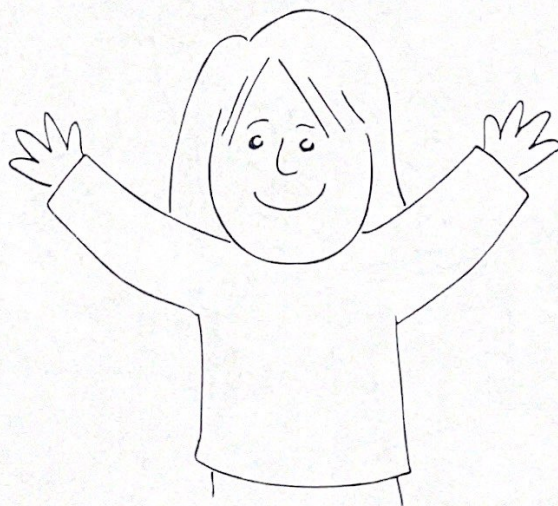
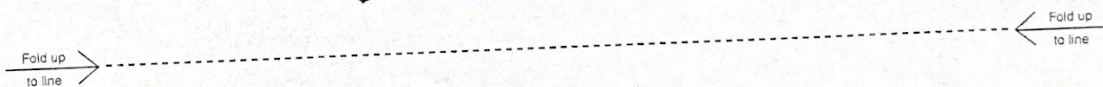


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Why do people take medicine?

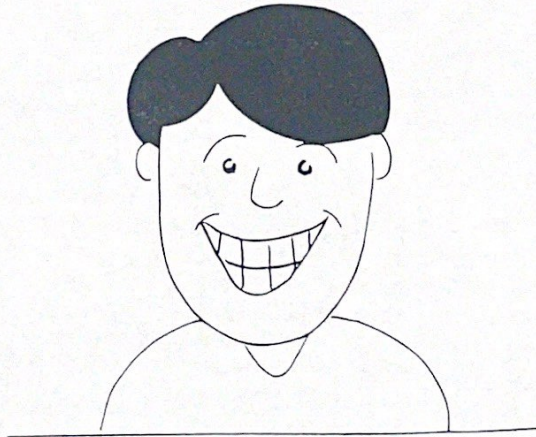


Why do we brush our teeth?

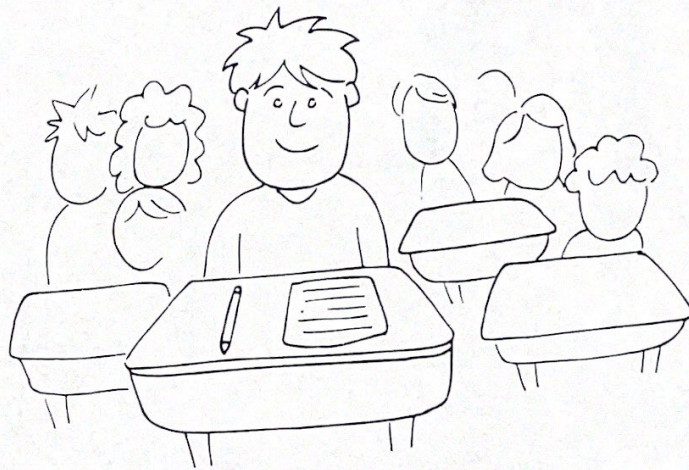


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Why do kids go to school?

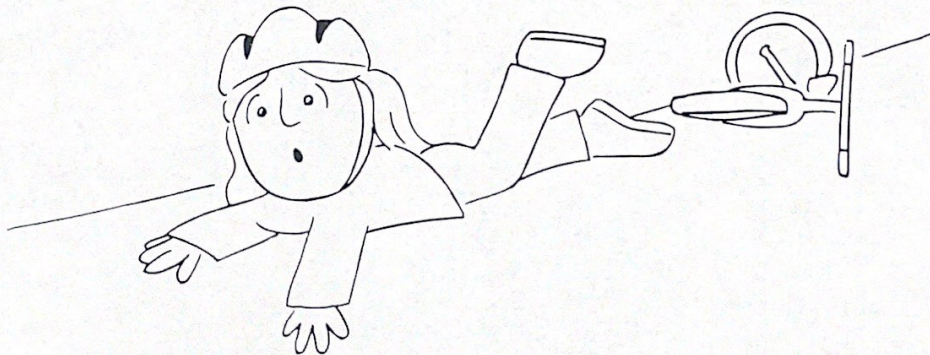
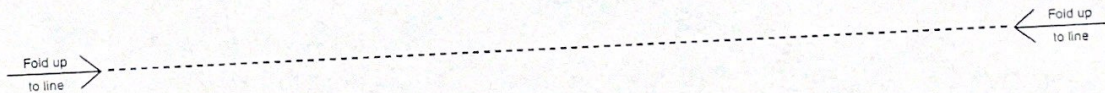
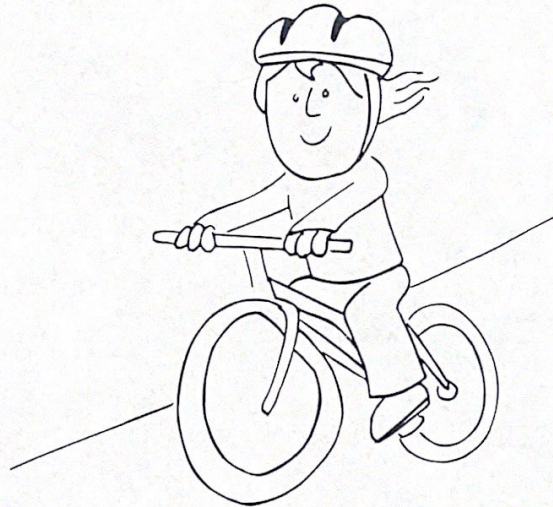


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Why do you wear a helmet when you ride your bike?



Why don't you eat cereal with a fork?



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Why don't you let a dog run loose?

