

Part 3: Model Answer - Learning - Question 1

How important is motivation when learning something new?

Very important. Motivated learners are much more likely to **stick to** whatever it is that they are trying to learn. If they're not motivated, it's going to be very difficult to put in the time and **mental energy**. **Take** learning a foreign language **as an example**. If there's no motivation- either **intrinsic** or **extrinsic**- for learning a new language, there's very little chance that someone will be able to dedicate the time and effort required to **reach a high-level of fluency**- they'll just **give up**.

Useful vocabulary

Stick to (something)

Keep doing something even if it is hard or boring.

*"Motivated learners are much more likely to **stick to** whatever it is that they are trying to learn."*

Mental energy

The focus and effort needed to think and learn.

*"If they're not motivated, it's going to be very difficult to put in the time and **mental energy**."*

Take ___ as an example

Use something specific to illustrate or explain a point.

*"**Take** learning a foreign language **as an example**."*

Intrinsic and extrinsic motivation

Intrinsic motivation comes from inside you (like personal interest), while extrinsic motivation comes from outside you (like rewards or approval).

*"If there's no motivation- either **intrinsic** or **extrinsic**- for learning a new language, there's very little chance that someone will be able to dedicate the time and effort required..."*

Reach a high-level of fluency

Become very good at using a language smoothly and easily.

*"If there's no motivation for learning a new language, there's very little chance that someone will be able to dedicate the time and effort required to **reach a high-level of fluency**."*

Give up

Stop trying because it is too hard or frustrating.

*"They'll just **give up**."*

Write your answers

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