

## 第 1 講

### 【Main Exercise】

① 次の英文を読んで、設問に答えよ。

<sup>(1)</sup> Learning English is like learning to swim or learning to play baseball.  
We learn to swim by swimming, to play baseball by playing baseball, and to speak English by speaking English.

A good baseball player spends hours, days, months, and even years  
5 ( 2 ). He learns to play the game on the \*baseball diamond. The more he practices, the better he plays. He has to learn to \*face the situations of the game as they arise and react to them ( 3 ). When a ball is coming toward the \*plate, the batter has to decide \*instantaneously what he is going to do. He cannot hesitate; he has to act and act at once. And so it is when  
10 we are talking.

The ideas we wish to express come instantly to mind, but <sup>(4)</sup> there is no time for us to stop and think of how to put together the words we need. Acquiring the ability to use a language automatically, that is, without stopping to think, <sup>(5)</sup> is a process of habit formation. Forming a habit, any  
15 kind of habit, requires much practice.

(注) baseball diamond: 野球場    face: …に向き合う    plate: 本塁, ホームベース  
instantaneously: 即座に

問 1 下線部(1)を和訳せよ。

問 2 空所(2)に入る語を以下の選択肢から 1 つ選べ。

- ① practice    ② practiced    ③ practicing    ④ to practice