Week 6 – IC1 Class – Asking for REASONS in Business Situations February 2016

Today, we are going to study how to ASK for REASONS" in meetings, discussions, and teleconferences. Take a look at the example below and analyze how to ASK REASON QUESTIONS in business situations.

"Asking questions to your client"

- 1. If possible, can you explain the reason why....
- 2. If you don't mind, can you tell us the reason why....
- 3. If it's okay with you, can you give us the reason why....

EXAMPLES:

- 1. If possible, can you explain the reason why the launch date is delayed?
- 2. If possible, can you explain the reason why there are so many bugs?
- 3. If possible, can you explain the reason why you need more time?

EXAMPLES:

- 1. If you don't mind, can you tell us the reason why the shipment will be late?
- 2. If you don't mind, can you tell us the reason why the specifications need to be changed?
- 3. If you don't mind, can you tell us the reason why our sales did not increase?

EXAMPLES:

- 1. If it's okay with you, can you give us the reason why we need to change the design?
- 2. If it's okay with you, can you give us the reason why our client doesn't like our offer?
- 3. If it's okay with you, can you give us the reason why we have to change our policy?

Homework:

• **Directions:**

- 1. Next week, we will do a "meeting simulation" with a business client.
- 2. Think about some business situations regarding your work, project, or business situation.
- 3. Then, make <u>3</u> original sentences for each of the THREE new patterns that you learned today.
- Total: **9** original sentences
- 4. PRINTOUT your homework and bring it to class next week.
- 5. Good luck!