

Start-up tips for a Tandem program



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First meeting

- Introduction of both partners
- Exchange of hopes and wishes (only language or also cultural activities)
- Write down for yourself what your aims are: The tandem should help me to ..., I want to know ...
- Fix dates for weekly meetings or think about dates for events for the whole semester
- Make sure that both languages and partners get the same amount of learning and teaching time (both languages at every meeting)
- Talk about how to correct each other (directly on the spot, afterwards or only in very important cases), talk about how to conduct the meetings (talking, writing, homework, little tests ...)
- Give open and honest feedback, only that way people can improve (nobody is perfect)

Meeting styles

- Intensive language-learning: vocabulary, reading texts, translating, own writing, tests, preparation on both sides for the meeting. Aim: real progress in language
- Enjoying events together: joining activities organized by International office or AStA, shopping together, cooking original food together, watching movies in the language to-be-learned, introducing music/dances/games from home country, going to museums/ Tiergarten/forest/eating ice-cream, visiting cities (Nijmegen, Düsseldorf, Köln, Amsterdam). Aim: fun and activities

Meeting advice

- Helping each other in organizational topics: going to the foreigners' office, talking to the landlord, writing of applications and CVs
- Content for conversations: personal interests, culture and life in home country, politics, talking about daily topics (movies, stars, plan of the week), study topics (if same study course), sports, translate lyrics of songs, groups of vocabulary (body, furniture)

Language games

- „Memory”: write or draw items and words in pairs on two papers, mix them and find the pairs
- „Who am I”: Think of a famous person, your partner has to ask questions to find out who you are
- „Hangman“
- „Stadt Land Fluss”: Think of several categories like town, country, river, name, animal. Try to be the first to fill out all categories. Decide a new starting letter at the beginning of every round
- „I pack my bag“

Good luck and keep your motivation, see you at the end of the semester.

For any questions or problems concerning your tandem do not hesitate to contact us:



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