

How to get started – preparations for the first meeting with your language tandem partner

In the beginning of a language tandem partnership, it might be useful to clarify expectations and availabilities in order to make the experience a pleasant and enriching one.

You can use this questionnaire to help you develop a successful learning partnership. Answer the questions below and bring this form to the first meeting with your partner. Discussing the answers will help you to get started.

1. What is your motivation for tandem language learning?

2. Which of the following language skills would you like to improve? What are your priorities?

- a. improve my speaking abilities
- b. learn about my partner's country and culture
- c. improve my vocabulary
- d. improve my writing skills
- e. improve my reading skills / text comprehension
- f. get to know the working field of my tandem partner

3. When do you want to meet? For how many hours? How are you available? (any cruises/field trips coming up?)

4. Where do you want to meet? (e.g. for lunch at the Mensa, in a café or pub in the city centre?)

5. What kind of topics would you like to talk about? Make a personal list.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

6. How would you like to be corrected? (e.g. "I just want to practice talking, I don't care if I make mistakes", "Please correct me every time I make a mistake with my grammar" ...)