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Tandem Language Learning: Initial Tips



Time

- At the beginning meet only up to twice a week
- Set up fixed meeting times
- Establish how long your tandem meetings will last

Set a goal

- Find out what each partner wants / expects from the tandem
- Explain how you learn best and what doesn't work with you
- Choose a specific focus for each meeting
- Monitor your goals regularly

The one speaking their native language:

- Accepts your partner's wishes
- Is open-minded
- Listens and supports
- Tries to understand
- Helps with problems with expressions
- Is an expert user of their native language but is not a teacher who can explain the grammar perfectly

Place

- At the beginning have meetings in quiet, neutral places
- After a while you can switch to a more personal atmosphere, for example, meet at someone's home

Fair is fair

- Even with different goals, both partners should profit
- If meetings last longer than an hour, switch languages halfway through
- If meetings last less than an hour, do not switch languages
- Use the other language at the next meeting

The one speaking a foreign language:

- Decides what will be done
- Comes well-prepared
- Is active
- Tries to make themselves understood
- Signals when help is needed
- Wishes to improve and progress

For further questions, you can always contact the Tandem-Team:

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Invitation to Tandem Events

**Liebe Studis, dear students, chers étudiants,
queridos estudiantes, cari studenti, sevgili öğrenciler,**

We hope that your tandem has started well and that you enjoy learning together!

We would like to invite you to our Tandem Events:
introductions* information sessions* workshops *

There you can share your experiences with tandem learning in an informal setting and you can gather good ideas and tips from others.

It is best to come as a TANDEM PAIR but if one of you cannot make it, you are welcome to join us on your own – as only “half of the pair“. 😊

If one of you would like to receive ECTS points for the TANDEM, you should take part in the events in any case.

For information and dates go to our homepage:

<https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/language-center/language-tandem/intro-workshops>

We are looking forward to seeing you at the events!

Best wishes from your Tandem-Team

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