

## Introductory session

### Learning a foreign language in a language tandem



### What is a tandem?

**Two people** who share their knowledge and learn together.



### How does a tandem work?

- Two people register online on the tandem platform "TAPAS" and enter their mother tongue and target language
- The language tandem team tries to find a suitable language partner
- Both receive a "suggestion" by email (accept/reject)
- Tandem pair organizes their tandem individually
- **IMPORTANT!** Personal, clear agreements:
  - When and where do we meet?
  - What are our goals? - concrete objective
  - What can we do together? - e.g. talking about everyday topics, correcting homework and essays, practicing pronunciation, using materials from the website (Language Tandem Uni Marburg, Seagull Uni Greifswald), excursions, doing sports, drinking coffee...

### Requirements for obtaining ECTS point(s):

- 1 or 2 ECTS point(s) can be obtained
- 7 or 14 meetings of 120 min. each (depending on the number of ECTS points earned)
- From level A2
- At least 3 counselling meetings with the tandem team  
(ECTS information event counts as the 1st counselling meeting, 2nd counselling meeting after approx. 3-4 sessions, 3rd counselling meeting as the final meeting after all sessions; the 2nd and 3rd counselling meetings should be organized in time by email ([tandem@staff.uni-marburg.de](mailto:tandem@staff.uni-marburg.de)))
- Properly kept logbook (German or English), download the template:  
<https://www.uni-marburg.de/en/language-center/language-tandem/files/tandem-logbook.pdf>

- Important note: Everyone who wants to obtain ECTS points must create their OWN logbook and fill it out independently!
- Creating a "self-made" language tandem activity

### **How can I register?** <https://tandem.online.uni-marburg.de>

You can register on our homepage under language tandem.

1. click on "Register" at the top: enter your e-mail address and password
2. receive an e-mail: click on "Activate account"
3. to log in: enter your email address and password
4. create profile: Fill in the text fields and click on "Save changes"
5. click on the house at the top right and then on "Create request"
6. create request: Fill in the text fields, write a short introductory text for your partner and click on "Create request"
7. now wait until you receive an e-mail

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