



Guidelines

Language Tandem & International Buddy

You can design your exchange the way you like. Where, how and how often you meet is up to you. Here are some suggestions for you. Would you like to have a participation certificate? You can use that as one of the components of the Certificate Intercultural Competence+, see Reflection report below.

Have fun expanding your horizons 😊 !

1. Meet & Greet

Arrange a first meeting and get to know each other.

Reflection: How do people welcome each other in your countries?

- Greeting among friends
- Greeting within the family
- How to greet a stranger
- Facial expressions and gestures while greeting

2. Music

Choose a song in your language and listen to it together, e.g. on YouTube.

- Which song did you choose and why?
- Language(s) used in the song
- What traditional music do you have, where is it played, and who listens to it?

3. Meet & Play

Choose a typical game from your home country and play it together (in person or online).

- What game did you choose and why?
- Who plays this game usually? Families, women, men, young people, children,...

4. Education

Compare education in your countries.

- Up to which grade level are all pupils educated together?
- The role of public and private schools
- Compare universities in your countries and Germany

5. Work & Leisure

Compare work and leisure in your countries.

- Typical high and low status jobs
- Women and men in the workplace
- Salaries and work hours per week
- Typical leisure activities during the week & on the weekend

6. Excursion

Make a joint trip, e.g. museum, climbing hall, sightseeing, hiking or going for a walk.

- Where did you go?
- What was your take away?

7. Architecture

- What famous buildings are there in your countries?
- How do people live in the city and in the countryside?
- Show pictures of typical houses and talk about housing and typical forms of living together in your countries.

8. Family and friends

Discuss the importance of family & friends:

- Tell each other about your families
- Talk about families in your country: number of children on average, tasks & roles women / men, tasks & roles parents / children
- The importance of family compared to the importance of friends

9. Meet & Cook

Cook a typical meal from your country. You can also make the main course from one country and the dessert from the other.

- Did you like it?
- Talk about differences and similarities in eating habits.

10. Movies

Watch movies from your countries together.

- Which movie did you choose and why?
- Topic of the movies
- Language(s) used in the movies

11. Mobility

Compare mobility in your countries.

- Most frequented means of transport
- How has the topic of mobility changed in recent years?
- Developments in public transportation planned for the future

12. Sports

Compare sports in your countries.

- Popular sports
- Typical sports for girls & boys
- Traditional dances and popular events

Reflection report

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- Write a reflection report or make a video on at least eight of the topics above. It is not important to answer all questions for each topic. What is important is the language and cultural learning process, the comparison of the languages and cultures and the reflection on your own language and culture.
- Add a picture for each topic
- Add a word, phrase or expression in your languages for each topic with translation, example phrase and image to understand the meaning
- The report consists of 3-5 written pages plus pictures or a compiled video of 3-5 minutes in German, English or any other language with German subtitles.
- Send your reflection report / video to barbara.lembecke@th-rosenheim.de