



Sprachtandem

Suggestions for 10 meetings

You can design your language tandem any way you like. Where, how and how often you meet is up to you. Below you will find 10 suggestions for your tandem meetings. If you would like to have your language tandem recognised as part of the **Intercultural Competence+ certificate**, please read the “to do” list at the end of this document. The *reflection* questions are a voluntary guideline for all tandems and a compulsory guideline for the report for the Intercultural Competence+ certificate.

Have a good tandem 😊!

Meeting 1: Meet & greet

Arrange a first meeting and get to know each other.

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

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

Meeting 2: Music

Choose a song in your language and show it to the other person, e.g. on YouTube

Reflection:

- *Language(s) used in the song*
- *Style of music*
- *What is the song about?*
- *Typical/traditional song and/or your favourite music?*

Meeting 3: Meet & play

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

Reflection:

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

Take a picture/video for your report!

Meeting 4: Meet & talk

Choose one of the topics and talk about it. Talk about your country in your language and about your partner's country in their language.

Work & leisure

- *Status of different jobs in society*
- *Jobs typically performed by men/by women*
- *Work hours per week (difference men/women?)*
- *The role of leisure time for work-life balance*
- *Typical leisure activities during the week/on the weekend*

or

School & Studies

- *Structure of the education system*
- *Up to which grade level are all pupils educated together?*
- *The role of public and private schools*
- *Percentage of pupils that attend university after school*
- *Popular study programmes*

Reflection: Compare your information on the chosen topic with your tandem partner's culture.

Meeting 5: Excursion

Make a joint trip if possible, e.g. museum, climbing hall, sightseeing, hiking or go for a walk together.

Reflection:

- *Where did you go?*
- *Name 5 words and their translation that you have learned from your partner today!*

Take a picture/video for your report!

Meeting 6: Joint project

Work together to build a unique sculpture which reflects both of your cultures. The sculpture can be large or small, made of paper, wood or any other material of your choice.

Reflection: How well did you represent both cultures in your sculpture?

Take a picture/video for your report!

Meeting 7: Write a letter/e-mail

Write an e-mail or a letter to your tandem partner in the language of your tandem partner.

Write about family & friends:

- Your family
- 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

Reflection: Compare the information about family & friends in your tandem partner's culture from his or her letter with your experiences in your own culture.

Meeting 8: Cooking

Cook a typical meal from your country with or for your tandem partner. You can also make the main course from one country and the dessert from the other.

Reflection:

- *Did you like it?*
- *Is there something comparable from your regional cuisine?*

Take a picture/video for your report!

Meeting 9: Watch a movie

Show each other movies from your countries.

Reflection: Name the two films and enjoy.

Meeting 10: Meet & talk

Choose one of the topics and talk. Talk about your country in your language and about your partner's country in their language.

Mobility

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

or

Sports & Culture

- Popular sports
- Typical sports for girls/boys
- Sports frequently shown on television
- Traditional dances and festivals
- Which cultural events are particularly popular?

Reflection: Compare your information on the chosen topic with your tandem partner's culture.

Sprachtandem as a component of the Intercultural Competence+ certificate

Would you like to have your language tandem accepted as a component of the Intercultural Competence+ certificate?

To do:

- Do at least 8 of the 10 meetings
- Hand in a reflection report:
 - The *reflection* questions are a guideline for your report. Use at least two reflection points for every meeting. It is not important to answer all questions. What is important is the language learning process, the comparison of the two cultures and the reflection on your own culture.
 - The report consists of 3-5 written pages plus pictures **or** a compiled video of 3-5 minutes in German or English.
 - Send your reflection report to us.

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