WIN Weimar International Network

Tandem-Questionnaire

Guidelines For Starting Tandem Language Learning

At 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.

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

- 1. Why do you want to take part in tandem learning?
- 2. How long do you want the tandem partnership to last?
- 3. Which of the following language skills do you want to improve? What are your priorities?
- a. Oral communication
- b. Reading
- c. Listening
- d. Writing
- e. Subject-specific vocabulary (give examples)
- f. Other (give details)
- 4. When do you want to meet? For how many hours?

(Recommendation: minimum 2 hours per week, 1 hour for each language)

5. What method of communication do you want to use preferably?

(Exchange the relevant contact details)

- a. Personal meetings
- b. Telephone
- c. E-mail
- d. Chat
- e. Letters:)

6. Where do you want to meet each other?

(Recommendation: location/atmosphere should be relaxed and not too noisy)

- a. In the library
- b. At the Mensa
- c. In a café, bar or restaurant
- d. At home
- e. At public events (e.g. sports or cultural)
- f. Somewhere else (give details)
- 7. What kind of topics would you like talking about? Make a personal list.

a	
b	
c	
d	

- 8. What material do you want to use?
- a. Articles from newspapers/magazines
- b. Books (literature or grammar/exercise)
- c. Music
- d. Movies/ television shows
- e. Souvenirs or other authentic material
- f. Other
- 9. How do you want to be corrected?
- a. Every time I make a mistake
- b. Only for repeated mistakes
- c. In case there is a more common way to say it
- a. Instantly
- b. At the end of the phrase

