



Language Exchange @ Central Library

How to organise your meeting

To be fair to all participants make sure that you spend equal amounts of time on the languages you are practising with each other. This will also make it easier to accept the mistakes you'll make while speaking in your second language, since you will have been communicating with your exchange partners in your own language despite their mistakes. Also, by noticing the mistakes your partners make in your language, you will learn about their language, which is the one you are practicing.

Before the next session, agree on a topic you are going to talk about. This will make it easier to talk to your partner. For example, you could agree to read an article or watch a specific TV programme and discuss it, or talk to your partner about a different thing you have read or watched.

Try to prepare beforehand.

Make notes of vocabulary you don't understand.

If you are a beginner and cannot yet hold a proper conversation, you can use a book and follow the topics presented in the chapter, e.g. introductions, food and drink, leisure activities etc.

Remember you can borrow many language learning materials from Leeds libraries – check our catalogue or ask a member of staff.

If you have any further questions please contact Carolin on 0113 247 8282 or email europedirect@leeds.gov.uk