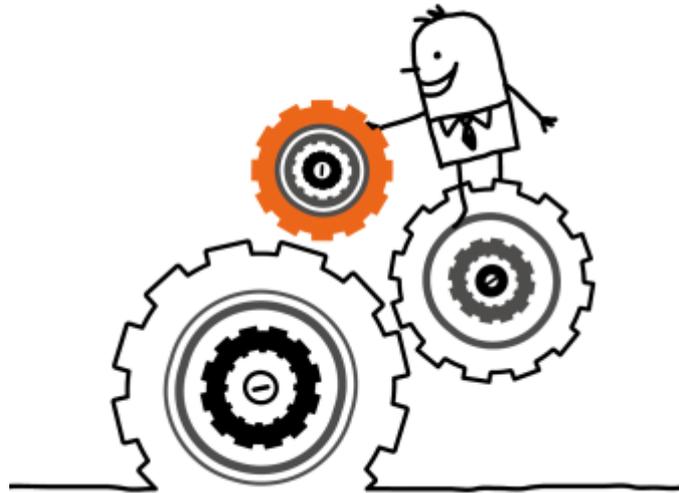


CHANGING the learning process



Don't worry about gaps in your knowledge

If you do not understand a grammatical structure, don't dwell on it for too long. Just continue. It could be that a crucial piece of the puzzle is missing now, but you may discover it later and certain grammar rules will become clear. The same goes for words and sentences that you do not fully understand now; don't get lost in details, but rather concentrate on the overall meaning of the text.

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Dare to ask questions

Take advantage of the opportunity of speaking with a native speaker, because he can tell you better than any textbook which expressions are used in everyday life, why people in his country may behave differently from what you are used to, and also what customs in your country may astonish foreigners. The more you ask, the more you learn. In the category **GLOBAL ISSUES - QUESTIONS** we have put together interview questions relating to a variety of topics. These can assist you in obtaining information about the country of your Tandem partner, its inhabitants and culture. Do not hesitate to ask!

Dare to make mistakes

Even when you make mistakes, stick to the foreign language and do not switch to your mother tongue or another language you have in common. Practise with your Tandem partner how to deal with silences in the conversation that come up when you are searching for words. Also work on how to solve misunderstandings that originate because you cannot express yourself clearly. The more you survive difficult situations that occur while speaking a foreign language, the more confident you will become in this language and the easier it will become to speak it. You can only learn from your mistakes if you make some!

Dare to change

Keep track of a learning journal, to find out how you learn a foreign language best. Trust your own experiences and change your learning style when necessary - even if this seems to contradict the established methods. Your learning success will prove you right.