



## What is a tandem?

- Tandem is a bicycle for two people. Tandem is a sport: two people jump from a plane with a parachute.
- But tandem is also a method of learning languages. In a language tandem, two people learn languages with and from each other.
- It's a great way to practise speaking with a native speaker, and compared to traditional classes, you have much more time in tandem.
- You can have authentic and inspiring conversations with a native speaker, expand your knowledge of the culture of the target language country, and train yourself in intercultural communication.

## How does the language tandem work?

- Learning in tandem is completely free and participants decide what, how and where they learn.

## What rules must be observed when learning in tandem?

- Mutual respect is the be-all and end-all!
- Be sensitive to the interests of the other person! It is mutual give and take: You learn your target language from your partner and in return she learns her target language - your mother tongue - from you.
- You should set your own goals for the learning process and communicate them clearly to the other person.
- Think about ways in which you can reach your goals. Do you want to discuss a newspaper article together, or would you rather prepare a presentation?
- You can also read and correct your texts together... There are no limits to your ideas.
- Divide the time of each meeting equally so that each of you can practise the target language just as much.
- You are also free to decide where you want to meet. Decide on the location of each meeting in advance and stick to agreements!

## Would you like to learn in tandem?

- Find your partner at the Viadrina! You can use the tandem pinboard in the self-study centre, you can join the Tandem-Meeting at the beginning of the semester or you can register on our home page!

**We are looking forward to meeting you!**