

TANDEM AT A1 LEVEL

A tandem partnership is recommended from an A2 level onwards. If you would like to begin a tandem partnership from A1 nevertheless, please note the following:



GOALS

- Share and discuss with your tandem partner what you want to practise.
- Small goals are more realistic to achieve.
- Ask if he/she is willing to patiently support you.

INTERACTION

- Watch short videos together, e.g. from the Easy German series. Try to repeat sentences and dialogues.

RECOMMENDATION

- Use the worksheets of the SEAGULL project for your language level:
<https://www.seagull-tandem.eu/material/>
- Make use of the conversation starters for level A1 from <https://www.eunita.org/main>
- Tandem-suggestions of the Ruhr-University-Bochum



REPEAT

- Repeat sentences, dialogues and other content from your language course, e.g. with speaking tasks from your textbook

MORE EXERCISES

- Read short texts from your textbook or short excerpts from children's books and have your pronunciation corrected.
- Practise short conversations more than once.

REFLECTION

You will realise that you can express some things, but often reach your limits. Congratulations! These are learning opportunities for you: Ask your tandem how he/she would express what you have not yet been able to say. Write down and record the answer and repeat it regularly.

WHAT CAN I EXPRESS AT A1 LEVEL?

01

I can understand when someone speaks very slowly and clearly to me and gives me time to grasp the meaning

02

I can understand simple questions about personal topics.

03

I can ask and answer simple questions about personal topics.

04

I can communicate things in a simple way if my conversation partner is prepared to speak slowly, repeat things and help me with the wording.

05

I can understand short and simple texts and messages about everyday things or specific things I am familiar with.



Speaking in the target language can be exhausting. Therefore you can try out how long a tandem session should last for you personally.