

Tips and advice for your Tandem Language Exchange - Topics of discussion

Food

- What is your most/least favourite food?
- What dishes or spices is your country known for?
- Tell us about a memory you have connected to food!
- Who cooks in your household? Do you like cooking?

Film

- What is your favourite movie/genre? Why?
- Who is your favourite actor? Why?
- Tell us about a movie that you really liked or one that was awful!
- If you had to live as a character from one film, who would you choose and why?

Literature

- Famous authors from your country?
- What did you read as a child?
- What was your best ever reading experience?

Music

- What is your favourite artist/genre?
- Do you have a song that means a lot to you personally? Why?
- Do you play any instrument? If yes, tell us about it. If no, what instrument would you like to be able to play and why?

Hobbies

- What are your hobbies?
- Tips on great indoor-hobbies?
- Any hobbies that are famous/popular where you come from?
- What's the most unusual hobby you have tried? Tell us about it!

Traditions and celebrations

- Special holidays that you look forward to?
- Traditions that only exist in your country?
- How do you celebrate birthdays/weddings/graduation...etc in your country?

Family

- Tell us about your family!
- How important do you think family is in your country/culture?
- How are children raised were you are from?
- What would you like your own future family to look like?

Nature

- Which is your favourite season? Why?
- What is nature like in your country? Is it varied?
- Are there any natural wonders you would like to see?

Travel

- What is the best and/or worst trip you have ever been on?
- Do you prefer to travel alone/with friends/with family/with partner? Why?
- Do you think your country is a good travel destination? Why/why not?

Sports

- Do you prefer watching sports or doing sports yourself? Why?
- Did you play any sports as a kid? How was that?
- Which sports are popular in your country?

Dreams

- Have you ever had a dream that you managed to fulfil? What was that?
- Do you have any dreams (personal or professional) for the future that you could tell us about?
- If you were to start your own company, what would you like that company to do?

Culture shock

- Have you ever lived in a different country/culture?
- Tell us about a culture shock that you have experienced!
- What do you think one can do to avoid culture shocks?

Your home/living space

- Describe your current home/living space!
- How would you like to live if you had the resources to live wherever you wanted to?
- Who cleans in your home? Are you a tidy person or do leave things lying around?

School

- What subject did you like the least/the most back in school? Why?
- Did you have a favourite teacher? Describe that teacher.
- What's your best/funniest/craziest memory from school?

Idols

- Did you have any idols as a child? Who was it, and what did you like about them?
- Who is the person you admire/respect the most today? Why?
- If you could choose one historical person to have dinner with, who would you choose and why?