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Mapping Out Your Ideal Language Exchange

It's important to determine your preferences before you start searching for a language exchange partner.

Answer the following questions to give you some insight into your perfect language exchange scenario:

1. How would you like to meet with your conversation partner?

In Person

- ☐ Coffee shop
- ☐ Attend special events
- ☐ Take a walk
- ☐ Go to a museum
- ☐ Go to a show/play
- ☐ Group outings
- ☐ Other_____

☐ **Phone**

☐ **Email**

Video Chat

- ☐ Skype
- ☐ FaceTime
- ☐ Zoom
- ☐ Google Hangouts
- ☐ **Other**_____

2. What are your preferred methods of communication in-between sessions?

☐ **Phone**

☐ **Email**

Text Messaging

Social Media

- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Snapchat
- ☐ Twitter

- ☐ SMS
- ☐ WhatsApp
- ☐ Facebook Messenger
- ☐ Other _____

3. How do you want your conversation partner to provide feedback?

- ☐ I want my conversation partner to interrupt my mistakes so I can break the patterns and bad habits I've developed to be able to correct them
- ☐ I want my conversation partner to let me finish my thoughts before providing constructive feedback throughout the conversation
- ☐ I want my conversation partner to take notes of my mistakes and tell me at the end of the conversation so I don't become self-conscious and am able to continue the conversation

4. What is your ideal conversation length?

- ☐ 30 minutes
- ☐ 60 minutes
- ☐ 90 minutes

5. What are the ideal days and times you are available to have conversation sessions over the next 30 – 90 days? (check all that apply)

	Mornings (6am-11am)	Afternoons (12pm-5pm)	Evenings (6pm-10pm)
Mondays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesdays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesdays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursdays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fridays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturdays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sundays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. What interests would you like to discuss in your target language?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spirituality | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness/Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <i>Other(s)</i> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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7. What topics do you want to avoid discussing in your target language?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Politics | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Relationships |
| <i>Other(s)</i> | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

8. What level do you want your conversation partner to have in English? (or your native language)

**Remember: If you are at an intermediate or higher level in your target language, look for language partners with low proficiency in English*

- ☐ Fluent
- ☐ Advanced
- ☐ Intermediate
- ☐ Beginner