

### GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Here are a couple of suggestions to help start your conversations and your first initial meeting – explore them and let us know if you have any more to add: [isat@uea.ac.uk](mailto:isat@uea.ac.uk) thank you.

- Something important about me.
- How would you describe your personality?
- What are your physical features?
- Who are the important people in your life and why are they important?
- What are the important events in your life and why?
- What are the important places in your life and why?
- How would you describe your talents and skills?
- What are the things you like the best?
- What do you dislike?
- What difficulties have you overcome?
- What are your beliefs?
- What are your hopes and ambitions?
- What frightens you?
- What have you always wanted to be?
- What is your earliest memory?
- What is your favourite smell?

**You could also talk about the following, remember to pick topics that you have an interest in. Be flexible in your conversation – you can explore other topics and questions.**

Expectations of UEA.

Families/ home life

Music

Books

Politics/culture

Sport

Food

Education

Fashion

Newspapers

Hobbies

Holidays

Annual festivals and celebrations

Pets

Friends

Do a top 20 of your favourite things together? Singers, models, cars, songs, colours, films, characters, footballers, DVD's, CD's , holiday destinations etc.

### **Outcome**

Hopefully you will have more information about your language partner, and this will form a good basis for your future meetings.

Use of a wide variety of vocabulary, that might help you both assess area to concentrate on developing.

It should be interesting and help promote cross cultural awareness on campus.

## **Travel and transportation**

What is your favourite way to travel and why?

Can you drive a car/motorbike?

What is your favourite model of car? What colour would it be?

Which side of the road do you drive on?

How old do you have to be to drive a car/motorbike in your home country?

Can you ride a bicycle? Where would you cycle at home?

Can you horse ride? Would you like to learn? Is it expensive?

How does public transport work in your local town/country?

Would you like to ride in a hot air balloon?

Name all the vehicles you can think of?

## **Variations**

Plan your dream journey to Europe.

Take it turns to ask directions to somewhere in Norwich and describe the means of transport to get there.

What kind of sports involves vehicles or other means of transport?

## **Outcomes**

Broaden related vocabulary.

Extend knowledge of cross cultural issues relating to transport.

Have fun and find out about each other's travelling habits.

## **Additional Topics**

**Questions to start a conversation or aid one travel or general getting to know each other**

### **Travel and Holidays**

- What is your ideal type of holiday?
- E.g. relaxing on a beach
- Adventure (hiking, camping, etc)
- Visiting cities

Which countries have you been to? Or would like to go to? Where would you recommend others to go?

If other people were to visit your home country, where would you recommend them to go and why?

What is your favourite place in the UK so far? (Norwich, London, York)

What is your most memorable (or favourite) holiday you have had?

What was the worst travel experience you've had?

### **Food**

Favourite foods

Look at a cookbook together and plan an imaginary meal.

Who would you invite?

How are cookbooks organised?

Do you eat meat/fish are you vegetarian?

Names of mealtimes

Menus/courses/starters main menu/desserts/sweets

Types of Restaurant, what's your favourite?

### **Sports Conversations**

Favourite sports and sports unique to other countries

Types/ Names of different sports

Sports equipment & kit

Live sport vs television sport

Indoor sports and outdoor sports

Cold weather sports

Warm weather sports

Olympics - do you enjoy them? Why?

Rules of sports and games