

### **Learning from your partner's modelling**

You can learn a great deal from what your Lingofriend partner says or writes in his native language. This is similar to the learning effect through textbooks or foreign language television, only with Lingofriends you have more to say regarding content.

For example, you could ask your Lingofriend partner to:

- Write or talk about topics with vocabulary that is important to you.
- Give you a sample CV or a sample letter of application.
- Express himself differently (for example, more simply, using more or less slang), use more professional language, etc.
- For this to be effective, it is important to remember to adhere to the basic rule of using your native language at least half of the time!
- Pay definite attention not only to what your partner is trying to tell you but most especially also how he is expressing himself.

### **How can I learn from my partner?**

You both talk and/or write about topics of interest, using both languages. You learn from what your Lingofriend partner writes or says in his or her native language, from his or her corrections and from help in other areas.

### **Learning from your partner**

Neither you nor your Lingofriend partner are language teachers - you therefore cannot "teach" each other.

Nevertheless, you are both native speakers of the language the other person is learning. In addition, you know a great deal about life in your own country. You can thereby learn a lot from your Lingofriend partner, of what he or she can:

- Serve as a model - you learn from what he says or writes in his native language
- Help when you don't understand something
- Help if you want to say something and are not sure how
- Correct your mistakes
- Give you information about life in his country
- On the following pages you will find additional information about how this works.

For many years language learning online have been the focus of research and development efforts in which foreign language teachers from secondary and post-secondary schools as well as from other educational (language teaching) organizations have been substantially involved.

## **Language courses**

Lingofriends can enrich and supplement any language course. Each and every language learner can expand what he is learning in a language course through work in an Lingofriend partnership - this is because he can:

- apply newly learned material in real communication situations
- concentrate on his individual learning needs and objectives
- also profit in the bilingual work with his partner from the partner's professional, cultural and other knowledge
- prepare for life-long learning through this self-directed work (learner autonomy)
- the increase in his learning motivation will also positively influence class work.