Tandem Learning

- "Tandem" for " Pair", two learners, two languages
- A global way to learn a foreign language –across boarders – a bilingual process
- Two teachers and two learners at the same time
- Teach your mother tongue/or second language
- Learn another foreign language
- Autonomous learning process
- Rules set by the tandem pair
- Learning goals set by the tandem pair
- The use of modern media and new communication technology
- Tandem exchange sites: https://www.tandemexchange.com
- https://www.facebook.com/groups/417585415514/
- eTwinning
- Tandem server: http://www.slf.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/

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What do you need?

- Two teachers (students)
- Two learners (same students)
- To choose a media (email, LMS system, facebook, telephone, video conference etc.)
- To set up a framework and structure for the tandem work
- A common subject to talk about – chosen by the tandem pair
- Learning goals set by the tandem pair

What do you need ....?

- Syncronous or asyncronous
- To choose the level
- To choose the work load
- To choose a common language for feed back
- To be aware of all elements of language learning: reading, writing, listening and speaking
- Courage

Benefits

- Student motivation
- Autonomous learning process
- Flexible
- Individuals goals
- Different levels? Yes
- Accreditation? Yes, of course
- Competence based? Definately
- Video: http://youtu.be/lvf9e0J-ZpE

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"My mother" An example

- Level: beginner
- Media: e-mail and attached voice recordings and text files
- Maximum 10 sentences by mail
- A recording of the sentences
- A translation of the ten sentences (only used if necessary)
- Structure:

1. T1 sends to T2(student). Text, recording and translation.
2. T2 tries to read, listen and understand. Asks questions to T1 (mail).
3. T2 practices the written sentences, listens to the recording and records own pronounciation to send to T1. T1 will give feed back.
4. T2 writes to T1 about the same subject in the foreign language, records new sentences – feed back from T1.
5. The process reverses – T2 writes in mother tongue to T1 about the same subject.

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