

## What is a Conversation Partner?

A Conversation Partner is primarily a person that you meet with on a regular basis to help you improve your English.



## Why would having a Conversation Partner be good for me?

Every time you interact with a native English speaker, your English is going to improve. You are helping to train your mind and ears to adjust to English and American slang. When you regularly converse, learning English will become a little easier. By interacting with an EMU student from the United States, you will also have the opportunity to meet new people and adjust to American culture, ideas, and mannerisms.

## Why would an American want to be my Conversation Partner?

There are many students at EMU that study your language or are interested in your culture. These students want to learn about you and your culture just as much as you do about theirs. By partnering with an American student you are expanding their world view and exposing them to things they may not have thought of before.



## How do I get a Conversation Partner?

You first need to fill out and submit an application either at the OIS or online at [www.emich.edu/ois/whp.php](http://www.emich.edu/ois/whp.php). After you have submitted your application, and we have someone to partner you with, we will contact each of you. We will give you each other's e-mail so you can make contact and set up an agreeable meeting time and place. The OIS will also host a Conversation Partner Reception in the Student Center Room 352 on *Friday, September 18, from 5 to 7 p.m.* where you can first meet your Partner, if you prefer.

## How does the OIS decide who my Conversation Partner is going to be?

The OIS wants this experience to be beneficial for both the American and international student. To best match the students, we will look at common interests and field of study. Although your partner may have some similar interests, it is our hope that you can teach each other something new based on your unique qualities and background.

## Who do I contact if I have any further questions?

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