



# Virtual exchange for language and culture learning in the Project Teletandem Brasil

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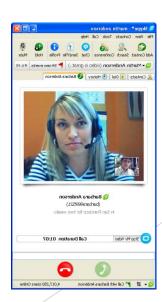
#### Teletandem Brasil

Project of São Paulo State University for online collaborative language learning in tandem.



30-minute session for each language, consisting of: interaction, focus on language and reflection.

















### Partners abroad

- Universidade Roma Tre (Itália)
- Universidade de Bolonha (Itália)
- Universidade de Freiburg (Alemanha)
- Universidade de Leipzig (Alemanha)
- Harvard University (EUA)
- Washington University (EUA)
- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (EUA)
- Indiana University (EUA)
- Tulane University (EUA)
- Universidade Blaise Pascal (França)
- Pontifícia Universidade Javeriana de Cali (Colômbia)

### Tandem:

Teletandem:

Face-to-Face

E-tandem

> chat

> audio

> video

### (Tele)tandem Principles

- The **autonomy principle** means that learners can take control of and responsibility for their learning, therefore having an active posture in the process (Little, 1991, 2002).
- The **reciprocity principle** implies that participants have to provide full support to their partner and expect the same attitude from them (Salomão *et al.*, 2009).
- Therefore tandem is characterized by a didactic communicational contract (Telles, 2009).

### Orientation sessions and mediation sessions

Orientation sessions - before teletandem sessions start

Mediation sessions - after each teletandem session

(TELLES, 2015)

### **Teletandem**

Fixed time in the language lab.

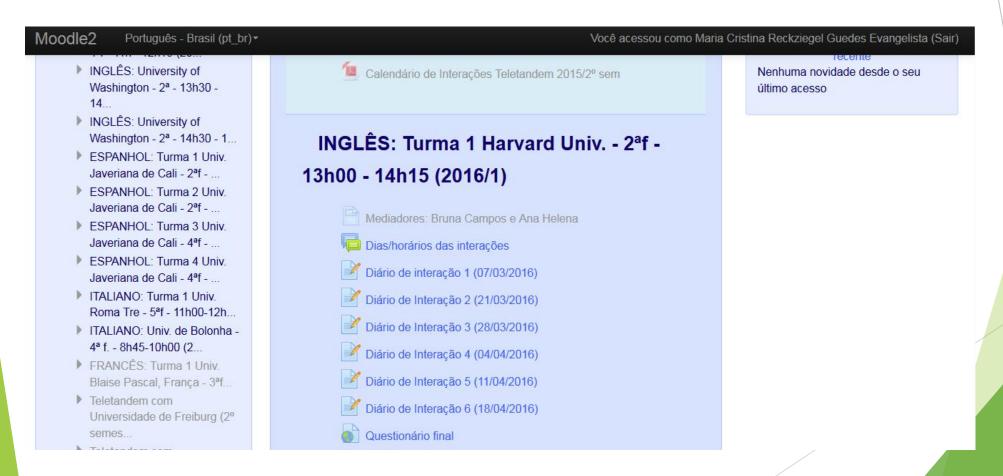
Session can be part of a course or not

Students choose topics together

They talk to the same partner (sessions can last from 5 to 8 weeks)

### **Teletandem**

Students write an experience journal after each session on our moodle platform



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#### Diário de interação 1 (17/10)

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Escreva aqui suas reflexões sobre esta interação. Você pode descrever como foi a interação, o tema tratado, como foram sua participação e a de seu parceiro.

Aproveite também para fazer reflexões acerca de sua aprendizagem e prática da língua inglesa e ensino da língua portuguesa nas interações, assim como sobre seus planos e objetivos de aprendizagem ao longo do processo de teletandem. Por exemplo: Vocês combinaram formas de abordar as questões linguísticas? Farão correções? Em que momento, durante a interação ou no final dela? Farão anotações de questões importantes para comentar com os parceiros? Utilizarão algum material adicional? E os temas a serem tratados, como serão decididos? Disponibilizamos uma lista de temas aqui neste espaço do Moodle. Ela poderá ser útil!

Iniciar ou editar a minha entrada do diário

Você não começou este diário ainda



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In Vygotstian sense, we believe that the instructions and the journal writing and the dialogic group reflection may work as artifacts that mediate learning, working as a learning tool that helps the students to use language as a semiotic process to create meanings about their experience in teletandem.

### The Teletandem Project view

- The Teletandem Project sees the demands created for language education in contemporary times, with the expansion of the current mobility and communications as transforming local realities.
- Teletandem practice without mediation runs the risk of reinforcing stereotypes about culture and language rather than deconstructing them. Mediation has to be viewed in teletandem as an essential part of the learning process, for it supports participants to understand the sessions as going beyond chatting.



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#### I help you learn my language and you help me learn yours!

Language learning in tandem involves pairs of native or non-native speakers of different languages working collaboratively to learn each other's language (or language of proficiency).

The Teletandem Brasil Project of UNESP - Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil, matches up Brazilian university students who want to learn a foreign language with students in other countries who are learning Portuguese.





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