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Pre-Conversation:

- What will your topic of conversation be?
 - It will be about where we are from and what our area looks like.
- What are **5 questions related to your conversation goal** that you can think of ahead of time to ask your partner? (This will be useful to have on hand if you get nervous and aren't sure what to say or if conversation trails off early.)
 - Where are you from?
 - Where would you like to visit?
 - Do you like your country?
 - Is it pretty?
 - How did you learn Spanish? (If not a native speaker.)
- How do you anticipate your partner will respond to your questions?
 - Hopefully like a normal person.
- What are you looking forward to about this conversation?
 - I don't know. I think I'm excited to talk about where the person's from and what life's like there.
- What are you nervous about?
 - I'm nervous that the person won't understand what I'm trying to say/ask.

Post Conversation:

- Who did I speak with and why did I choose that person?
 - I spoke with a girl named Isabel. I chose her because she was young, and I felt as though if I were speaking to a young person that we would have more to talk about and much more in common than that of a conversation held with a male or someone who was much older.
- What did you learn about them? What did you learn from them?
 - I learned that she was my age and that Isabel lived in Germany. She knew Spanish much better than I did, and I was thoroughly impressed. What I learned from her was how to keep the conversation going and how to introduce topics.
- How did this interaction help you move towards achieving your personal goal?

- This helped in achieving my personal goal because one of my goals was trying to find the right word. In our conversation, I found there were certain times when I was struggling to find the word that fit in what I wanted to say. Then with time, I got the word I was thinking of.
- What specifically did you do well according to your goals/expectations?
 - I conveyed my point, thank goodness.
- What specifically do you need to improve on? (Quote specific things you said or did and what you would have done or said if you could do it again)
 - I think I should have asked earlier on in the conversation where Isabel was from because it got a little awkward but then we got back on track.

Catherine · hola
Isabel · hola :)
Isabel · cómo estás?
Catherine · bien, y tú?
Isabel · muy bien, gracias
Isabel · vives en nueva york?
Catherine · si. yo viven en nueva york.
Catherine · pero, yo estoy visitar en filadelfia.
Isabel · y como es nueva york?
Isabel · como se vive alli?
Catherine · nueva york es muy grande.
Isabel · haha pero es una ciudad muy bonita o no?
Catherine · si es un ciudad tiene mucho historia y es muy bonita
Isabel · que guay
Isabel · no he estado nunca en america
Isabel · pero quiero viajar a america una vez :)
Isabel · y tu?
Isabel · ya has estado una vez en europa?
Catherine · america es un pais y me gusta vivo esta.
Catherine · yo espero que visitar en europa. probablemente italia.
Catherine · mi familia es de alli
Isabel · es verdad?
Isabel · entonces hablas tambien italiano?
Catherine · no. no se como hablo italiano. solamente ingles y un poco de espanol.
Isabel · y por que no sabes hablar italiano?
Isabel · tus padres son de italia, correcto?
Catherine · no. mi padres son de america. pero mi bisabuelos estan de alli.
Isabel · ah vale^^
Isabel · ahora entiendo :)
Isabel · voy a viajar italia en dos meses con mi clase

Isabel · y estoy muy feliz

Isabel · porque no he estado nunca allí

Isabel · pero es un país muy bonito

Isabel · :D

Catherine · muy genial :)

Catherine · donde en Italia?

Isabel · en Roma ^^

Isabel · guay, sí?

Catherine · sí! :)

Isabel · pero España es también un país muy bonito

Isabel · *bonito

Catherine · que parte de España vives tú?

Isabel · no vivo en España

Catherine · no? lo siento... donde vives?

Isabel · vivo en Alemania

Isabel · pero no hay problemas :)

Catherine · tú vives en Alemania? donde aprendiste español?

Isabel · en mi escuela

Isabel · por qué?

Catherine · que lo hablan muy bien

Isabel · haha gracias^^

Isabel · pero hablas también muy bien

Catherine · de nada. mi español no es muy bueno, pero lo suficientemente bueno... pero gracias.

Isabel · y donde aprendes español?

Catherine · en mi escuela, también. yo estoy en escuela secundaria.

Isabel · ah sí

Isabel · y cuántos años aprendiste español?

Catherine · 3 años

Isabel · uyy es mucho

Catherine · en realidad no. 3 años es no mucho.