



Vaasan yliopisto
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YLIOPPILASKUNTA

Hi, become a language buddy!

Want to improve your Finnish skills? Or want to learn Swedish? Or would you like to learn some other language? Or would you like to know more about another culture? Then get yourself a language buddy! The Student Union organizes the language buddy activity in order to help students in Vaasa to learn and improve languages. This activity is organized in cooperation with the Language Centre at the University of Vaasa, and the name of the course is *Language Buddy - Kielikaaveri - Språkkompis* (KKIE5000). The basic idea behind language buddies is that you get to learn a language and another culture, but you also get to teach one.

If you want to try to find a language buddy through us, register with [this form](#), telling which language you would be interested in learning, and which language you would be able to teach. Being a native speaker in a language is essential for the teaching part, but you are not expected to be a trained teacher or a trained language teacher with a pedagogical background.

With this information we will try to find the right language buddy for you.

The language buddy activity in the autumn term 2018 begins in week 38 and ends in week 49. The activity consists of following parts:

- Two **mandatory** meetings with the whole language buddy group and the teacher.
 - The first meeting on Wednesday the 19th of September 2018 at 14.15–15.45 in F249 (Fabriikki)
 - The final meeting on Wednesday the 5th of December 2018 at 14.15–15.45 in F362A (Fabriikki)
- One **voluntary** meeting with the language teacher, in case you would need some guidance or advice for the meetings with your pair.
 - On Wednesday the 31st of October 2018 at 14.15 in F362A (Fabriikki)
- 30 hours of language buddy meetings with your own pair.
- Writing a final report and presenting it in the last meeting.

You can get 2 ECTS credits from this activity. In order to receive 2 ECTS credits you will have to participate in the two meetings, have 30 hours of language buddy meetings with your pair, and write a report and present it orally at the final meeting or make a video together with your buddy and send the teacher a link to the video.

Students from schools other than the University of Vaasa will need a JOO-contract from their school in order to join the course and get credit for it.

If you got interested, register before Wednesday the 12th of September 2018 using the link above! Or if all this was too confusingly explained, you can ask questions too. More information: edunvalvontasihteer@vyy.fi