

Vocabulary and Sample Sentences

- **mailing list (noun): a list of people who subscribe or join a mailing distribution on a particular topic**

– I'd like to join a mailing list on studying intercultural communication so I can exchange ideas with others.

- **to be in hot water: to be in a difficult situation or in trouble that might lead to punishment**

– The politician is in hot water because of his insensitive comments at the conference.

- **common (adjective): the same for many situations and people**

One common gesture of friendship is to greet someone with a firm handshake while looking them in the eye.

- **crash (adjective): quick, complete, short or intensive, often difficult**

She took crash course in Spanish before she left for Mexico, but I'm not sure if it helped.

- **"put your best foot forward" = give a good impression**

"You can put your best foot forward and impress the people of that country by learning about the culture and speaking their language."

- **"jump at the chance" = do some form of service in return for something in return**

"I wanted my dad to pay for the movie tickets, so I jumped at the chance to do some extra work to pay for them."

INDICATOR:

The student recognizes specific information by listening to the audio and choosing each correct choice.

Listen and choose the correct answer.

1. Where is the man going on vacation?
A. Italy
B. France
C. Germany
2. Where did he meet Claudia?
A. at the post office
B. at a music store
C. online
3. What advice does Markus give Pete about meeting Claudia's parents?
A. smile and be friendly
B. take a small gift
C. be on time
4. What is one thing Markus does **NOT** say about greeting Claudia?
A. take her some flowers
B. give her a friendly hug
C. shake her hand

5. Markus' final suggestion for Pete is that he should ____.
- A. brush up on his German
 - B. visit Berlin during his visit
 - C. buy souvenirs for Claudia's family

II PART. SHORT ANSWER. Listen and write the missing words on each corresponding space.

Pete: Hey Markus. I have a question I'd like to ask you.

Markus: Yes. Go ahead.

Pete: Well, I'm _____ about going to Germany this summer [*Great!*], and I need some advice. You're the best person I know to answer my questions since you're German.

Markus: Thank you. What do you want to know?

Pete: Well, don't laugh, but I _____ this really nice woman through an online music _____ **list**, you know, a discussion group on the Internet [*laughter*]. I need some advice. You see, Claudia, . . .

Markus: Okay. So it's Claudia, oh?

Pete: Yeah, yeah. See, she invited me to _____ two weeks in Germany [*Hum*]. And well, I _____ her I had studied a little bit about the country and language [*Hum*], and she's kind of expecting that I know more than I really do.

Markus: **Hum.** You're really in _____ water now.

Pete: Yeah. I think so.

Markus: Well, what do you want to know?

Pete: Well, she's planning on introducing me to her parents.

Markus: Hey. Sounds kind of _____.

Pete: It isn't, at least I think it isn't. Anyway, what should you do when you greet someone for the first time in Germany?

Markus: Well, it depends upon your relationship with the _____. Now, speaking of your girlfriend, Claudia,

Pete: Hey, I didn't say she was my girlfriend.

Markus: Ah, okay, okay. Now if you're meeting _____ formally for the first time, like Claudia's parents, you should make sure you arrive on time.

Pete: Okay, so arrive on time. Uh, what about _____ greetings?

Markus: Well, Germans often shake hands, and they use the person's family name, unless they're really close friends.

Pete: Okay, what about with Claudia? I'm not sure what I should do in her case.

Markus: Ah. You can call her Claudia [Okay], shake _____, and why don't you take her some flowers?

Pete: Oh, how do you say "Nice to meet you" anyway?

Markus: Oh, "Ich freue mich, Sie kennenzulernen."

Pete: "Ich freu me senselen. . ? "

Markus: Uhhh. Not exactly. "Ich freue mich, Sie kennenzulernen" [Uhhh].**arkus:** Humm. Honestly, I think you need to take a _____ course in German _____ you leave. Claudia might think you're speaking Chinese or something if you don't.