

## 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].  
**Markus:** 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.