

# What to do when...?

## Pre-task:

Make a list of things you needed help with, had help with or would have liked to have help with when you started your degree. Think of administrative or personal but especially of specifically subject/module-related matters. What did you do in the end to overcome the obstacles you encountered? Take turns telling each other about your experiences, and make suggestions to one another. What could your partner have done differently?

## Task 1:

What are the main types of exams you have to take in your field of study? How do you approach them? Do you have to write papers or dissertations? What are the requirements for and elements of this kind of written work? What are your strategies when writing a paper for your degree? Imagine your tandem partner is going to your home country to study there for a semester. What would your advice for him/her be?

(If I were) in that (kind of) situation, I'd...

Have you thought about/considered...?

If it were me, I'd do/ I'd have done...

Make sure you (don't)...

The sooner you ... the better.

Whatever you do, (don't) ...

Your only option is to...

You have no choice but to...

## Task 2:

Imagine you are a doctor and your colleague is in a tricky situation with a patient: s/he has to inform the patient of a difficult procedure. Which problems could arise? How would you react to them? Speak about different possible scenarios and then do a role-play. You can stage the conversation with your colleague or the situation with the patient.

Alternative: Imagine you are an engineer and need to advise a city council on a sewage project. What would your plan be? Which problems could arise? How would you react to them? Do a role-play on the situation. Try to be as diplomatic as possible but also make sure the other person understands your position.

### Follow-up activity:

Choose a paper you have written during one of your studies (or, if you haven't, look for an article in one of the most renowned journals in your field) and discuss it with your partner. If your partner had to write a paper about the same topic at your university – what would your advice for him/her be?