Reflect (60 minutes)

∉ Review

• Download and listen to the audio recording of your conversation.

∉ Write in English

• Overall, how did your conversation go? Explain.

Overall, the conversation went pretty smoothly. In the beginning, she guided me through the conversation, asking me question and talking about herself. When I felt like the conversation was dying, I asked some of the questions I had prepared in the pre-workbook section so that I could continue the conversation with her. She was very nice and used her hands to demonstrate some of the words that she thought I might not have understood which definitely helped a lot in guiding the conversation and enjoy what we were talking about.

• About what percentage of your partners' speech did you understand?

About 60% of her speech I understood. Alot of the words I didn't understand were filler words.

• What are three things that you would phrase or say differently after having listened to your conversation?

-When I asked about where she lived, I should have said "¿Quien usted vives?" to ask with who does she live with.

-I would have asked "Ya que prefieres el frío, ¿qué lleva cuándo viajando?" since I already knew she liked the cold and wanted to know what she would wear during that weather.

-Another thing I would say differently is that I sometimes like dresses but I don't where them a lot since, during the conversation, I stated that I didn't like dresses at all by accident.

• List three interesting things you learned about your conversation partner based on their answers to your questions.

I learned that my conversation partner doesn't like bikini's and that it's normal for people to wear pants and dresses where she lives. I also learned that she likes to where very loose dresses that are easy to take off and put on whenever she wants but she also prefers the cold weather over the hot even though it's normally hot where she lives, which is why she likes the mountains. She also like math, which I also like.

What sort of cultural inferences or comparisons can you make about your interaction with your partner? If there is insufficient evidence, what comparisons can you make between your families?

I learned that, where she lives, it's bad to where things that are too revealing, like a bikini, which is why she doesn't wear them but she does wear short dresses, shorts, and crop tops, versus me in which I stated that I liked to wear bikinis but I don't wear dresses that often but do like to wear crop tops and shorts.

• List three new words you learned from this conversation.

I learned: Comedia, pequeña, es miedo

• Is there anything else about the language that you noticed?

I noticed that she didn't speak very fast and that she used simple words to describe what she was talking about and what she liked to do where she lived. There wasn't much of a difference in the way I spoke with the way she spoke.

• What can you do to better prepare for your next conversation?

To better my next conversation, I could try to make more questions that better transition from one topic to another so that the conversation could be more controlled and go smoother. I also could study more of the vocab related to the topics of which I am discussing so that I can better understand my partner in what they are talking about while also responding back to answers that go off what my partner has already said or asked about me.