

## **My first talkabroad conversation of the semester was today.**

I thought this one went okay. I think I scheduled this one at a bad time because I was stressing about getting home and having enough time to prepare myself for it. I'm the kind of person who wants to schedule it early to get it over with which is why I chose to do it right before the weekend of spring break starts, but I think this one was just bad timing and I was under more stress than usual.

As for my partner, he was very kind and understanding. He had no issue with repeating himself fifty times over, I must have asked him to repeat at least fifty times. I'm not sure if it was that he was hard to understand or if I was missing something. It was most likely me, but what really matters in the end is that I was eventually able to understand what questions he'd be asking me. Looking at the talkabroad question guide might help with that, but I often feel it adds more stress. I write little notes on the paper, but I end up ditching the paper early on because I find it easier to just focus 100% on what my partner is saying, that's happened every time so far, so next time I'll probably just wing it because I find it much easier. Regardless, I'll rate him very high.

I'd put this one right in the middle of the other two I did. The first talkabroad I did last semester I did not know what to expect, so subsequently it's probably the worst of the three. The second one I did last semester was fantastic. I had little to know issues understanding and finding words to use in sentences. My partner even strayed away from the guide for a while and I was able to hang on. This conversation definitely wasn't as good, but it was still good in my opinion. I remember quite a few times where I had long pauses because I just couldn't think of a word to use. There was one or two times where I started a sentence and then froze because I just didn't know what else to say.

My closing thoughts are that this conversation didn't feel like a conversation as much as my most recent talkabroad did. This one felt more like a question and answer, which isn't necessarily a bad thing, but I'm not sure if it helps to learn French more or less than a standard conversation. This is partly on me because I often forget to say "et vous?" or I'll say it but then not really understand what my partner said about themselves. I think I've been able to identify my strengths and weaknesses with this conversation. I don't have much of an issue understanding what French people say and I don't have a problem with pronunciation. It's more that I need to expand my vocabulary more and this is where the ImmerseMe helps. I just feel like the ImmerseMe lessons a lot of the time don't match up to the lesson tests that we're working on at that same time so it's hard to connect the information.