Conversation Exchange Project Assignment

You are required to produce a brief (3-4 minutes) **audio-slideshow** about the Conversation Exchange Project.

The deadline is Friday 24 May 2024.

The style should be informal and can include a variety of pieces of information about your partner(s):

* their background (i.e., where they live in the US, their family, where and what they are studying there)
* their interests and hobbies
* their perspective on the socio-political situation in the U.S.A. and the world today
* why they decided to spend a semester in Florence
* their impression of Italy
* their plans for the future.

Accompany your talk with slides that illustrate any of the above – these could also be photos or maps of where your partner lives or studies, for example. You can also add information about your experience of the project.

To make your audio-slideshow, you can use either screencast-o-matic which is free, or the equivalent recording tool with Microsoft Powerpoint both of which record whatever is on your computer screen. As well as recording your voice explaining the information on your slides, we want you to include your webcam image so we also see you as you talk.

First, make your slides. Bear in mind that your webcam image will slightly encroach on your slides so you might need to adjust how you format the information on your slides.

**The information that follows explains how to use screencast-o-matic.**

Open your first slide (use the normal working mode, not presentation mode).

Then go to screencast-o-matic.com and click on ‘Record for free’.

Select ‘Launch free recorder’.

Click on ‘Open screen recorder launcher’.

Select ‘both’ – this way you will record yourself on your webcam and your slides.

Position the frame to fit only the slide you are explaining and ensure your webcam image is not covering images or text.

Click on ‘Record’.

Once you have finished, click on ‘Done’.

Now select ‘Save/Upload’ and ‘Save as Video File’.

Select the Destination Folder where you want to save your video.

Now click on ‘Publish’.

Rename your file with your surname and upload it to my shared Google Drive folder.

**The following instructions are for recording with Powerpoint.**

Open the slides you have made for the assignment.

Select the ‘Record’ option in the toolbar at the top.

Click on ‘Cameo’ and choose one of the camera styles. This will now appear on your first slide. You can also move this frame so that it doesn’t encroach on your text or images.

Select ‘Record’ again and then ‘From beginning’. You can now record yourself as you explain the content of your slides.

Once you have finished click on ‘Save as Show’ and then ‘Export to Video’. Your audio-slideshow will be generated and saved as an mp4 file.

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