

**D06** Claudia / Germany / Cultural Studies

Interaction partner(s): Turkish student

Moment of enquiry: SS 08

Experience of difference: Social conventions for establishing contact

For a project, German student Claudia has to conduct a survey among foreign students. She decides to conduct the survey at her dorm and rings the doorbell of one of the groups. Nilay, a Turkish student, opens the door. She agrees to answer Claudia's questions, and Claudia begins her survey, while Nilay is at the stove preparing food. During the survey, Nilay gets a call from a fellow student who wants to come by. Nilay says that she has a friend visiting at the moment. Claudia is puzzled. Why does Nilay refer to her as a friend? They've only known each other for 15 minutes, and their contact is strictly work-related. A friend is someone very different in Claudia's eyes.

1. Why is Claudia puzzled about the term "friend"?
2. What does the Turkish student associate with this concept, and why is she using the term?