

D25 Lisa / Germany / Economics

Interaction partner(s): two Mexican students

Moment of enquiry: SS 08

Experience of difference: Time planning in connection with invitations

Lisa and a few of her girlfriends have been invited for dinner by two Mexican students, Alfredo and Gabriel. Alfredo told Lisa to come over to their house at around 9 p.m. When the students ring the Mexicans' doorbell at 9 that night, their roommate Lars opens the door, as the Mexicans aren't home. Lars explains to the German students that Alfredo and Gabriel just took off for the supermarket to shop for dinner. Somewhat confused, the students decide to wait. When the Mexicans have not returned after 45 minutes, Lisa and her friends leave the apartment with a growling stomach. They are disappointed and don't understand how someone could have made a date with them without making any preparations, and leave them waiting forever.

1. Is there an explanation for the German students' expectations?
2. What reaction can be expected of the Mexican students when they find out that the German students left?