

D53 Debora / Germany / German Studies

Interaction partner(s): Turkish student

Moment of enquiry: WS 08/09

Experience of difference: Boundaries and communalities in student dorms

In the dorm, Debora lives right next to a Turkish student. Both get along well and see each other often. On the one hand, Ayla, the Turkish girl, often invites Debora over and barely lets her go, even when Debora insists that she has important tasks to take care of. On the other hand, the Turkish student runs over to Debora every time she needs help and asks for her advice: whether she needs assistance with her internship applications, has computer problems, or needs her to correct a term paper. Debora likes Ayla very much, but the constant closeness is getting to be too much for her, especially since the Turkish student categorically ignores any allusions to important deadlines and urgent tasks that need to be performed. Thus, Debora finally begins to avoid Ayla.

1. What is Debora's idea of friendship?
2. How does the Turkish student seem to interpret her relationship with the German student?