

**D57** Tereza / Czech Republic / German Studies

Interaction partner(s): German students  
Moment of enquiry: WS 02/03  
Experience of difference: Organisation of cohabitation

Tereza is the only foreigner living in a shared dorm apartment. She gets along well with all her roommates and is well integrated in the living arrangement. One day, she has a computer problem and goes to see her two male roommates, who are watching TV in the living room. She describes her problem to them, and the young men give her detailed instructions on how to solve the problem. She then goes back to her room and does what they told her, but without success. Back in the living room, she has them explain to her again what to do. After that, she manages to solve the problem. Secretly, she is annoyed that it took so long and that the students didn't come with her right away to help.

1. Why is the Czech student annoyed at the two students' behaviour? What might explain her expectations?
2. What do the German students seem to assume?