



# Portfolio for **Alpha**lernberatung

Community oriented learning counselling for low  
literate adults with/without  
migration background

Materials in  
**English**  
for learning counseling

## Counselling: What is it all about?

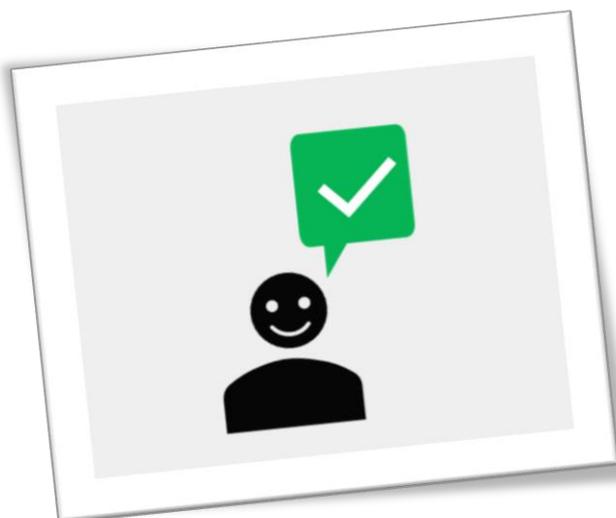


I have a problem.

### The counsellor and I:

We speak about my problem.

We speak in the consultation.

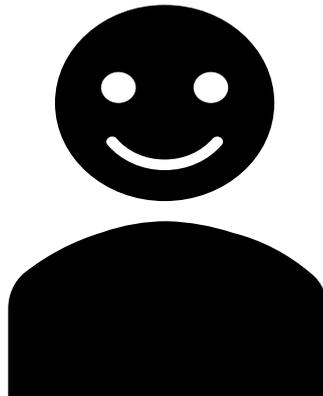


I will find my  
solution!

## Counselling: What are our Tasks?



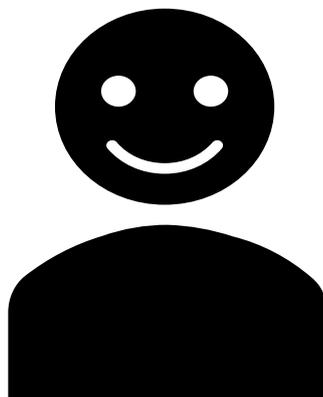
I want to find a solution.



ME

I will put a solution to the test.

I make suggestions.



COUNCELLOR

I ask a lot.  
I offer to help.

We will find a solution.

**Agreement:** Are we looking for solutions?



No tuition



Voluntary



for free



Together

I want to solve my problem.



yes

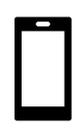
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# Meeting: Who and where?



Who?



me

Where?



counsellor

Important:

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## Appointments: When do we meet?



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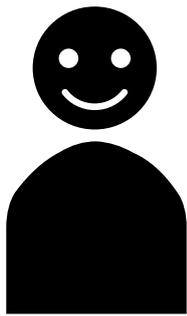
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## My person: Who am I?



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ME

My first name is

\_\_\_\_\_.

My family name is

\_\_\_\_\_.

I am \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

I am from

\_\_\_\_\_.

I live in

\_\_\_\_\_.

## Places: Where have I been to?



I have been to:

\_\_\_\_\_.



I have been to:

\_\_\_\_\_.



I have been to:

\_\_\_\_\_.



# Places: Where have I been to?


Places: Where have I been to?



# My life: What is important?



PRESENT  
DAY



When? \_\_\_\_\_

What? \_\_\_\_\_



When? \_\_\_\_\_

What? \_\_\_\_\_



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## My life: What is important?



PRESENT  
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## My life: What is important?

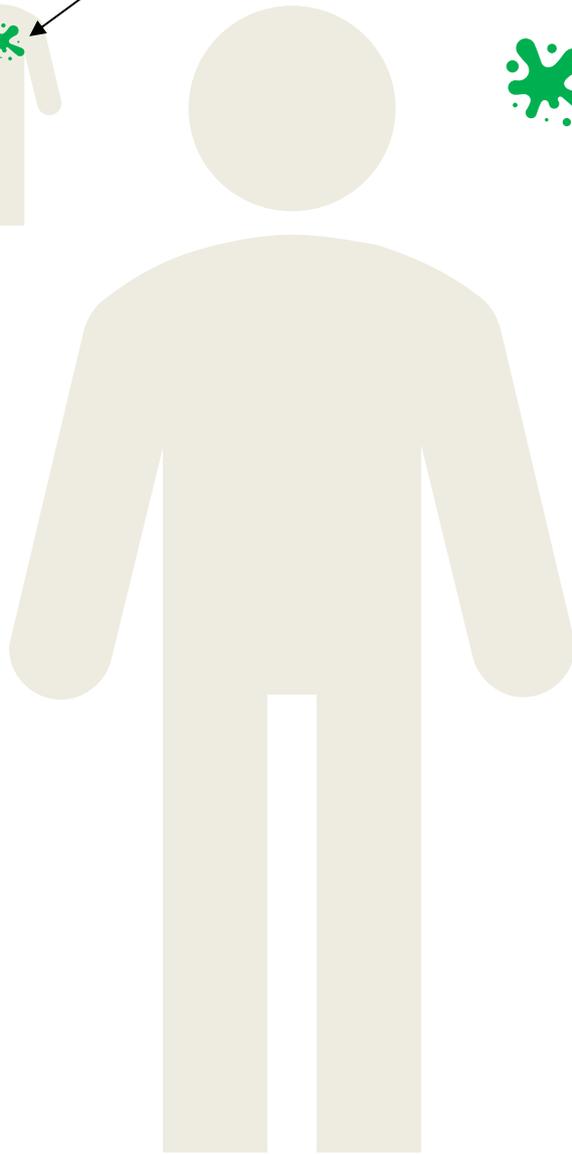
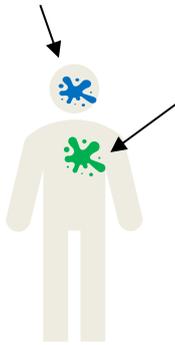


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## My languages: What do I speak?



ME

## My education, my profession: Where have I been to?



### School



Where? \_\_\_\_\_



How long? \_\_\_\_\_



That was good: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Training



Where? \_\_\_\_\_



What did I learn? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



That was good: \_\_\_\_\_

## My profession: What do I do?



Right now I work as: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



I like? \_\_\_\_\_



I do not like? \_\_\_\_\_



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I read that at work:



\_\_\_\_\_



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I write that at work:



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## Reading and writing: Where did I learn that



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|  | At home   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | In school | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | At work   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### With whom?

|   |                    |                          |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|
|  | teachers           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | all by myself      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | family and friends | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | coworkers          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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### Problem: Why am I here?



|   |                    |   |
|---|--------------------|---|
|    | letters<br>e-mails | ✓ |
|    | timetables         |   |
|   | bills              |   |
|  | to help children   |   |
|  | work               |   |
|  | contracts          |   |
|  | doctors            |   |

**Problem:** Why am I here?



|   |                    |
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|    | letters<br>e-mails |
|    | timetables         |
|  | bills              |
|  | to help children   |
|  | work               |



**Problem:** Why am I here?



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|  | contracts |
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**Problem:** Why am I here?



I am here because of:

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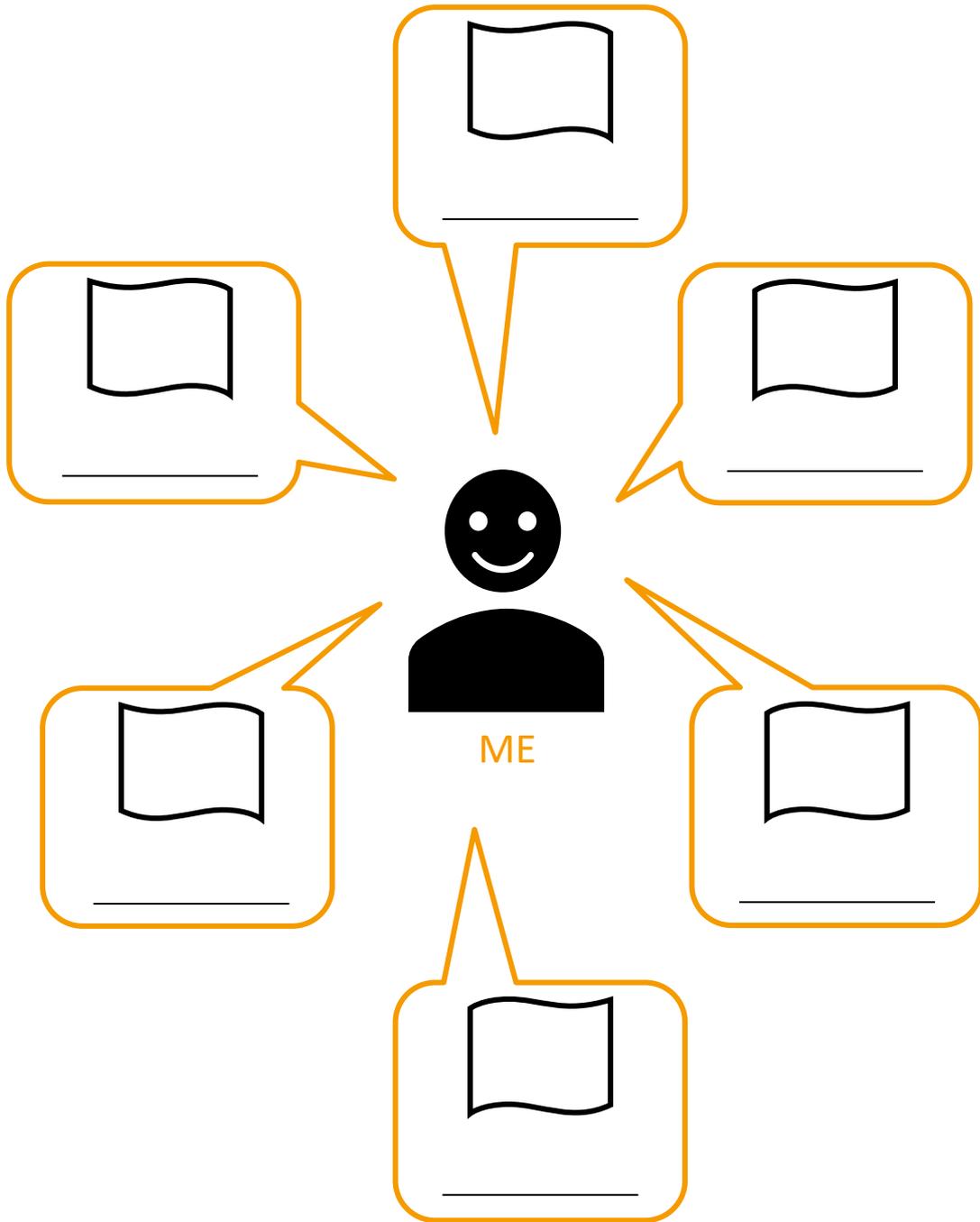
I want to change that!



yes

no

# My languages: What do I speak?

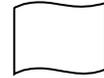


# My languages: What can I do well?



My language is:

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I am able to



|  | understand |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | speak      |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | read       |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | write      |  |  |  |  |  |

## Reading: How well do I read?



I can read single words.

house car food train



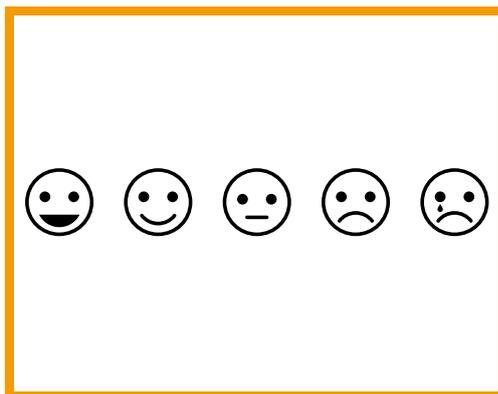
I can read sentences.

This is a sentence.



I can read texts.

This is a text. A text contains multiple sentences. This text consists of four sentences. There are 22 words in this text.



## Reading out loud: How good am I at it?



I can read single words.

house car food train



I can read sentences.

This is a sentence.

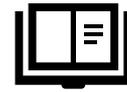


I can read texts.

This is a text. A text contains multiple sentences. This text consists of four sentences. There are 22 words in this text.



## Reading words How good am I at it?



The funnel costs \$2,50.

I lost my backpack.

I wear my gloves during winter.

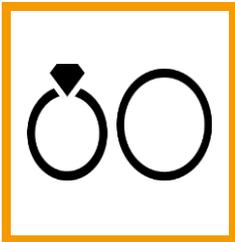
I acquired a new wheelchair.

How did I do?



funnel, backpack, gloves, wheelchair

Reading texts How good am I at it?



I am getting married next year. Although it is rather early, I want to prepare everything already. Where does it take place? We also need to choose our rings. I need to write a guest list too. How many people can I invite?

During the summer I am going to go to Greece. I also spend last summer there backpacking, but I don't want to do that anymore. I rather get a quiet hotel and bring my suitcase along. I am going to stay there for two weeks.

My daughter loves construction sites. I don't know why. But she is in love with excavators and cranes. I like to walk with her to construction sites. Sometimes she also tells me where she's seen a new site. Then we go for a walk and have a look at it.

I haven't cleaned my basement for months. Yesterday I went downstairs looking for the toolbox. It was kind of scary. Everything was covered in cobwebs. I'll do a little bit of cleaning this weekend. You want to join?

How did I do?



alliance, suitcase, excavator, cobwebs

## Copying: How good am I at it?



I can copy words.

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| house | _____ |
| car   | _____ |
| food  | _____ |
| train | _____ |

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I can copy sentences.

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| This is a sentence. |
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I can copy texts.

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## Writing: How good am I at it?



I can write words.

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I can write sentences.

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I can write texts.

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# Writing words: How good am I at it?



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How did I do?



rabbit, lion, dress, basket, lock, ball, funnel, clap, key, monkey  
Hase, Löwe, Kleid, Korb, Schloss, Ball, Trichter, klatschen, Schlüssel, Affe

# Writing words: How good am I at it?



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How did I do?



grow up, cookies, teacher, basket, balance, houses, apples  
wachsen, Kekse, Lehrer, Korb, Waage, Häuser, Äpfel

## Writing words and short sentences:

How good am I at it?



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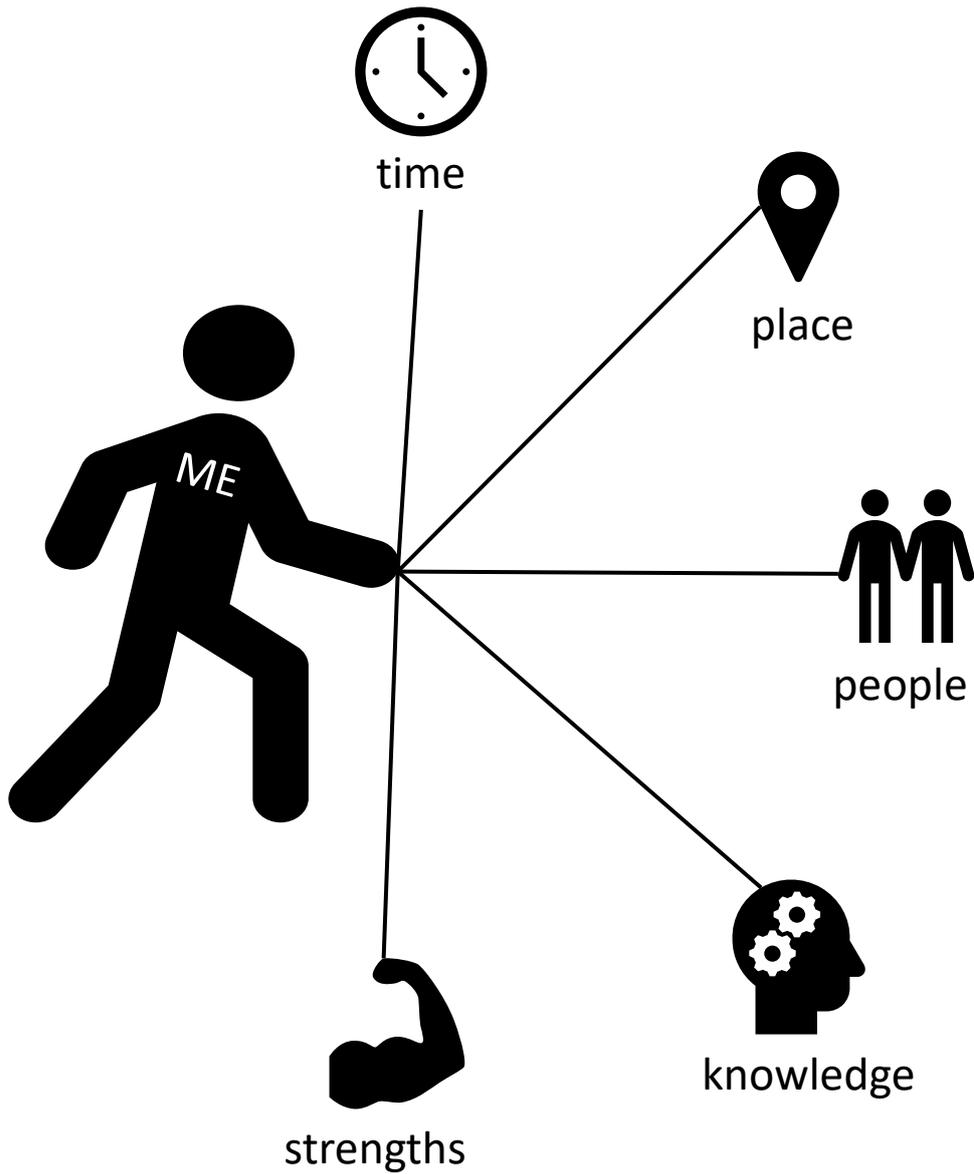
How did I do?



motorcycle, bicycle, forbidden, married, christmas tree, shopping cart, the baby laughs, the man listens to music

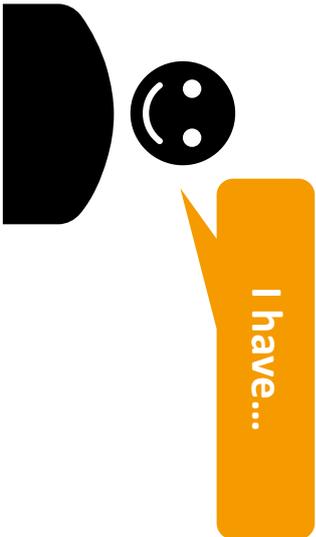
Motorrad, Fahrrad, verboten, verheiratet, Weihnachtsbaum, Einkaufswagen, Das Baby lacht, Der Mann hört Musik

# Possibilities: What are my resources?





**Possibilities:** What are my resources?



# Possibilities: What are my resources?



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## Possibilities: What are my resources?



|                 |           |             |
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| time            | knowledge | interests   |
| family          | goals     | friends     |
| strengths       | coworkers | motivation  |
| places          | successes | role models |
| Fellow students | teachers  | abilities   |
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## Strengths: How am I?

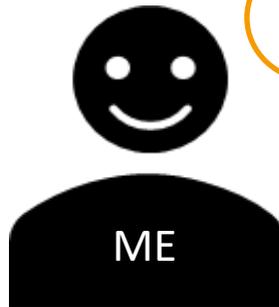


curious

motivated

concentrated

creative



helpful

independent

disciplined

talkative



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# Strengths: What can I do well?

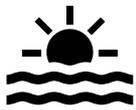


# Strengths: What can I do well?

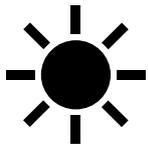


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**Time:** When do I study best?



in the morning



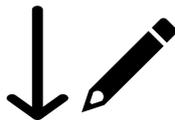
in the afternoon



in the evening



at night



When do I study best?

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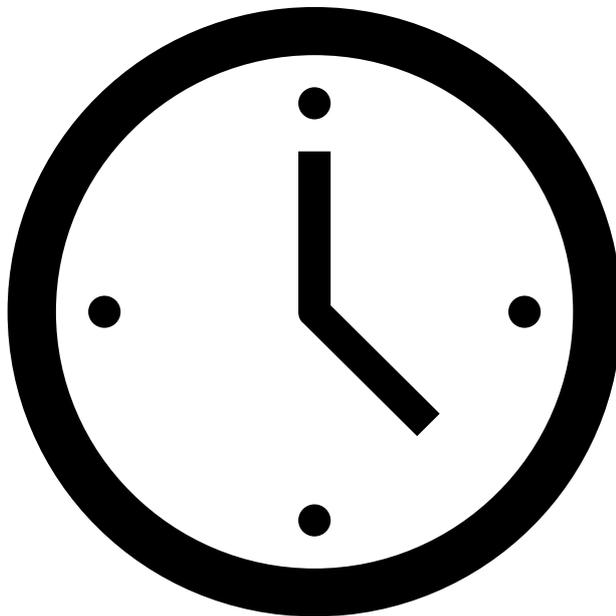
## Time: When do I study best?



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| I study | in the morning   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|         | in the afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|         | in the evening   | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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## Studying: How do I study?



|  |                      |  |
|--|----------------------|--|
|               | with an aim          |          |
|               | structured           |          |
|               | on my own            |          |
|              | with help            |       |
|             | in groups            |    |
|             | with a to do list    |    |
| <del></del> | without a to do list |    |
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## Materials: What is helpful?



books



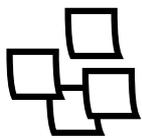
apps



the internet



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post its



videos



## Places Where do I study?



at home



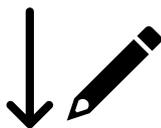
in class



at public transportation



outside



Where do I learn best?



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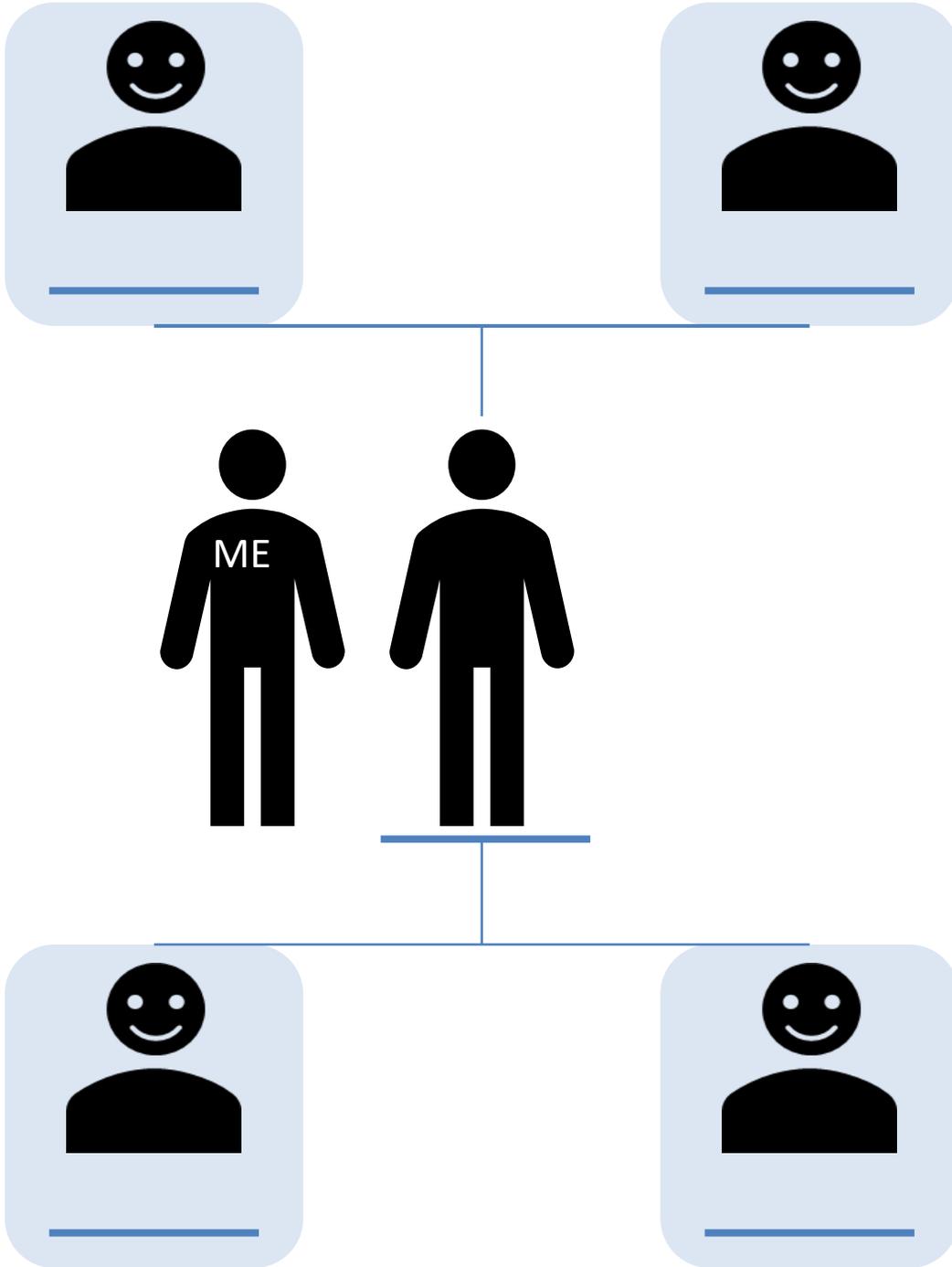
## People: Who is helping?



|   |               |   |
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|    | family        | ✓ |
|    | friends       |   |
|   | coworkers     |   |
|  | students      |   |
|  | study buddies |   |
|  | teachers      |   |
|  | neighbors     |   |



**People:** Who is most helpful?



## My place to study: Where do I study best?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin orange border, intended for a student to draw or write their answer to the question 'Where do I study best?'. The box is currently blank.

This is my place to study.

## Places to study: Where do we meet?



I live here:

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My partner lives here:

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We study here:

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Or over there:

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## Possibilities and assistance: What am I good at? What is helping?



This is how I am: 

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This is how I study: 

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I study well here: 

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I study well at: 

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These are my study buddies: 

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This is helping: 

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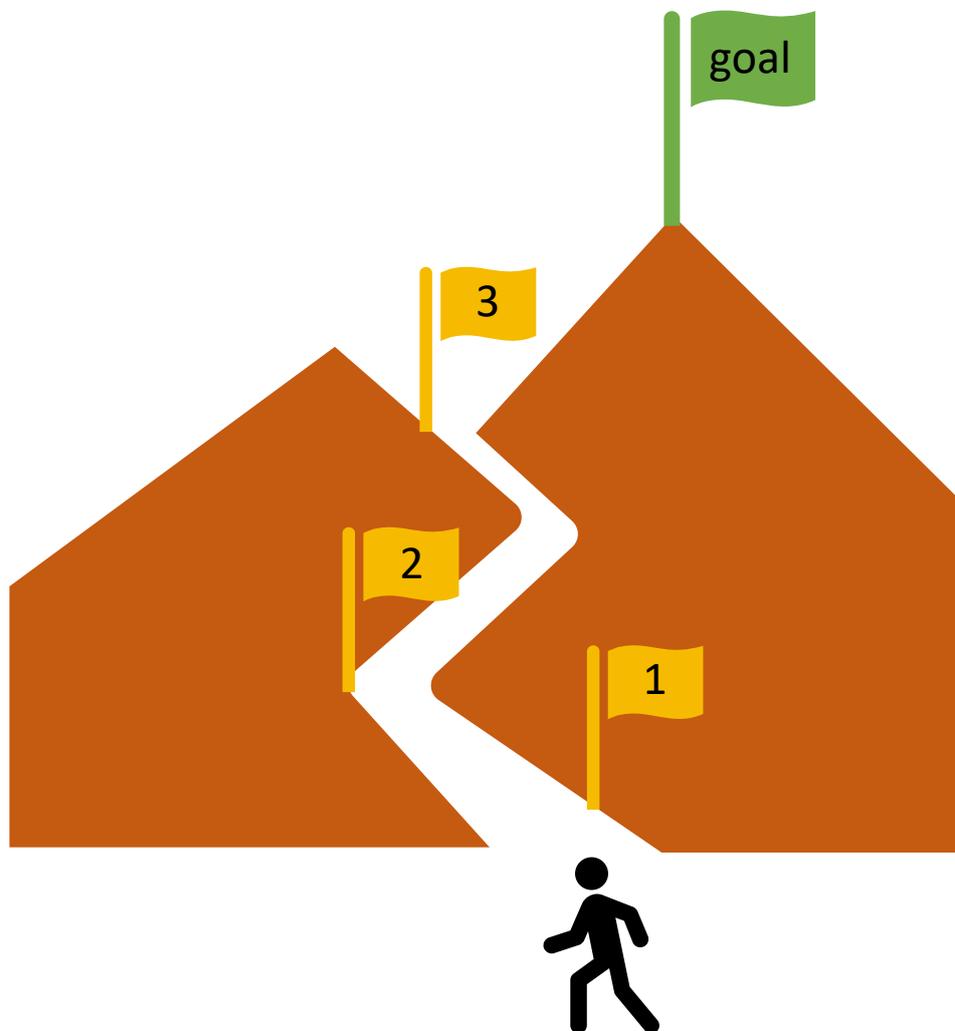
## Studying: That is how I do it!



|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
|    | When do I study?<br>_____    |
|    | Where do I study?<br>_____   |
|   | Who is helping?<br>_____     |
|  | What is helpful?<br>_____    |
|  | What can I do well?<br>_____ |
|  | How do I learn?<br>_____     |



## My goals: How do I reach them?



What is **my goal**?

How do **I reach** it?

# My goals: How do I learn reading and writing?



I am here.



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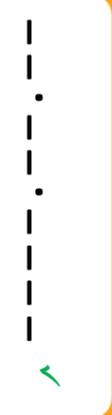


I want to get there.



goal

| at work                   |       | shopping                  |       | online                    |       | dealing with authorities  |       | in town                   |       |
|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------|
|                           |       |                           |       |                           |       |                           |       |                           |       |
| reading:                  | 😊 😐 😞 |
| writing:                  | 😊 😐 😞 |
| This is important for me: |       | This is important for me: |       | This is important for me: |       | This is important for me: |       | This is important for me: |       |





### My goals:

Which goals do I have in mind?



goals

wishes

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## My goals: How can I assign them?

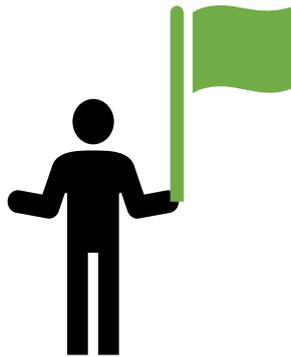


dream

my primary goal  
my ideal outcome

impossible

not realizable

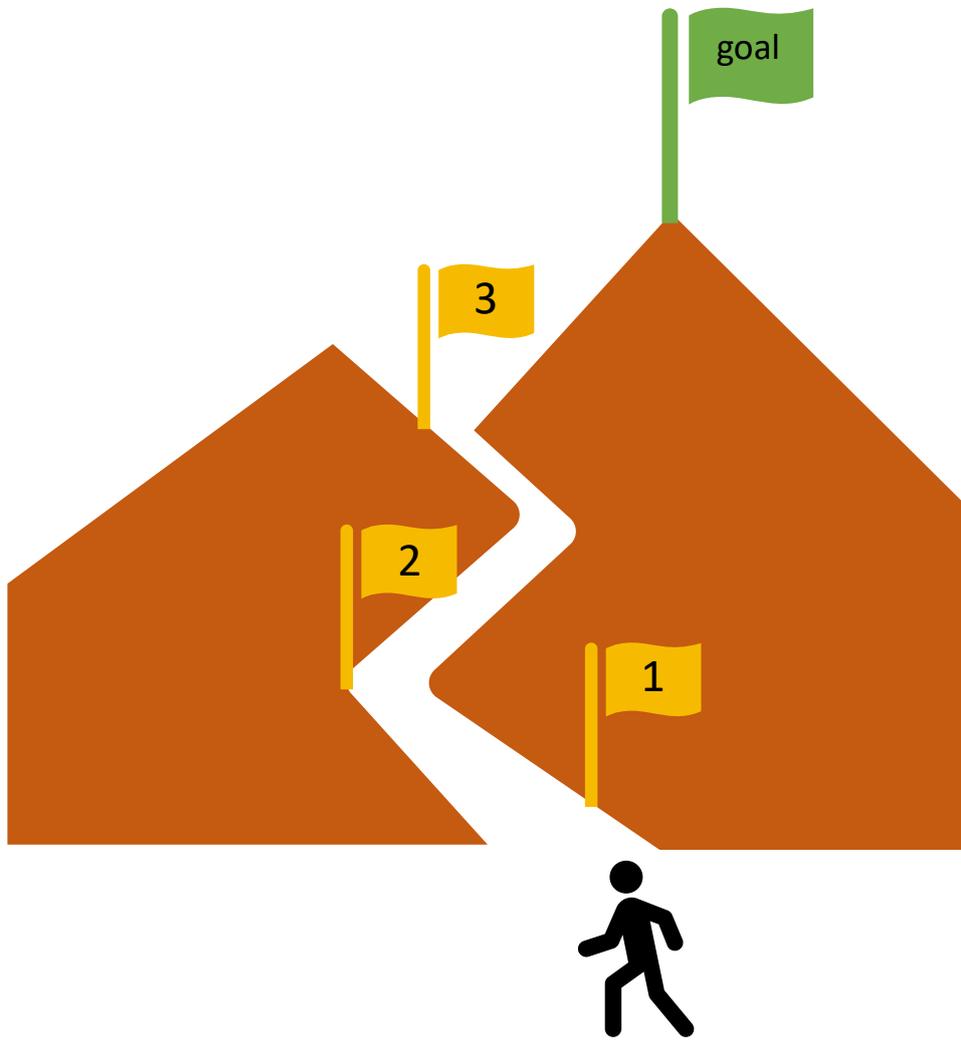


me

my attitude  
my position

other people

my surroundings  
external factors



**My goals:**

**What is my realistic goal?**



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**My goals:** What is happening next?

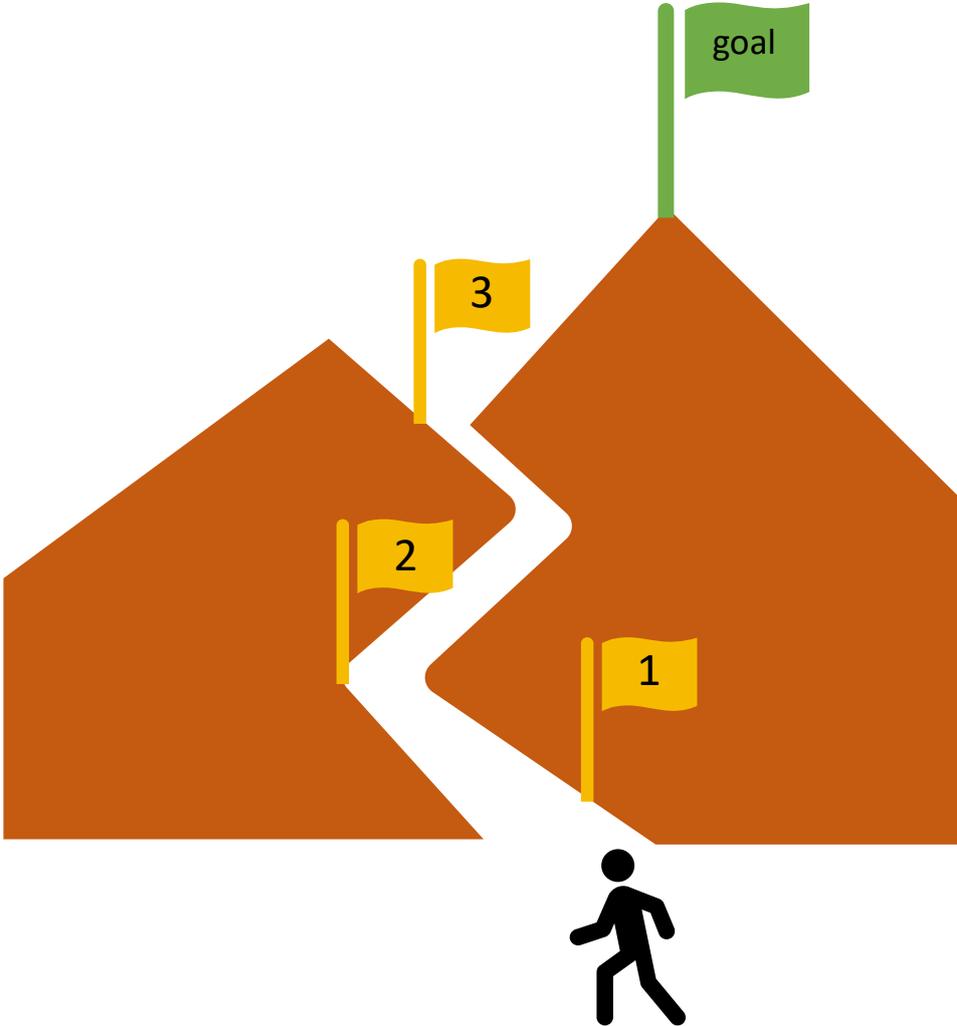


I win...



I lose...

**My goals:** What are stages along the way?



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| goal | 1 |  |
| goal | 2 |  |
| goal | 3 |  |

# My goals: Which steps do I have to take?



I am here



start



I want to get there



goal

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# My path: How do I proceed?



step 1:



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step 2:

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step 3:

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### My goals:

What are the steps towards my goal?



I am here.



start



I want to get there.



goal



partial goal:

- 1. step
- 2. step
- 3. step

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partial goal:

- 1. step
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partial goal:

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partial goal:

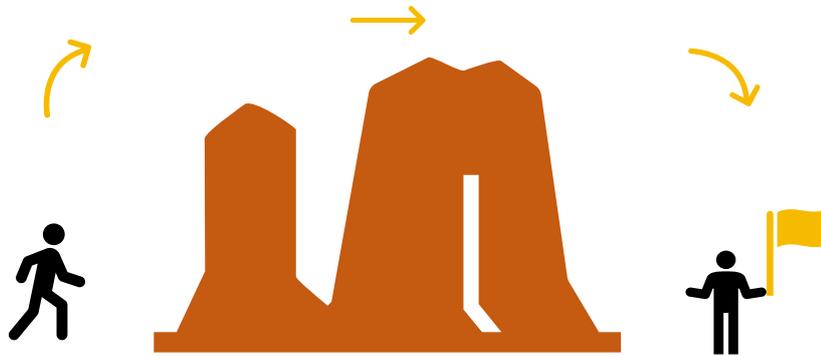
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# My way: What are the problems?



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| goal                          |  |
| What problems do I see?<br> |  |
| What do I do about it?<br>  |  |

## Weekly rota: What do I learn this week? – Example

 This is what it could look like.

| date  | What?  | Together with?   | How?  | How long?   | How was it?   |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|
|  |                       |                         |                      |  |    |
| --- · --- · ---   | writing<br>           | with the family<br>     | with a computer<br>  | 10 min  |    |
| --- · --- · ---   | reading books<br>    | on my own<br>          |   | 30 min  |    |
| --- · --- · ---   | taking a class<br>  | with others<br>       |   | 3 hours   |  |
| --- · --- · ---   | reading words<br>   | with the children<br> | While playing<br>  | 1 hour  |  |
| --- · --- · ---   | reading notes<br>   | on my own<br>         | while shopping<br> | 1 hour  |  |
| --- · --- · ---   | writing letters<br> | with my father<br>    |   | 30 min  |  |
| --- · --- · ---   | repeating letters<br>A B C   | on my own<br>         | with music<br>     | 1 hour  |  |

## Weekly rota: What will I study this week?

my name \_\_\_\_\_

calendar week \_\_\_\_\_ till \_\_\_\_\_



| date            | what? | together with? | how? | how long? | how was it? |
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## Evaluation: How was the counselling?



my name: \_\_\_\_\_

name of counsellor: \_\_\_\_\_

What did I learn? What is useful in the future?



Of which value were the sessions to me?



## Evaluation: How was the counselling?



my name: \_\_\_\_\_

name of counsellor: \_\_\_\_\_

What was especially nice?



What did I struggle with?



## Evaluation: How was the counselling?



my name: \_\_\_\_\_

name of counsellor: \_\_\_\_\_

What was in it for me?



Do I want to continue working on my goals in this way?



## Feedback: How was the counselling?



-  I am content.
-  I have neutral feelings about this.
-  This has to improve.

| elements of counselling | impression |
|-------------------------|------------|
|-------------------------|------------|



### The counsellor...

|   |  |  |   |   |
|---|--|--|---|---|
|    | ...was nice and friendly.                              |    |    |    |
|  | ...was speaking slowly. I could comprehend everything. |  |  |  |
|  | ...has helped me a lot.                                |  |  |  |
|  | ...was talking a lot. I was not able to talk much.     |  |  |  |



### The questions...

|   |                              |  |   |   |
|---|------------------------------|--|---|---|
|  | ...where easy to understand. |  |  |  |
|  | ...were problem related.     |  |  |  |
|  | ...could be answered by me.  |  |  |  |

## Feedback: How was the counselling?



I am content.



I have neutral feelings about this.



This has to improve.

### elements of counselling

### impression



#### The room...

|  |                                       |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|  | ...was quiet. We could talk in peace. |  |  |  |
|  | ...was nice. I felt comfortable.      |  |  |  |
|  | ...was easy to find.                  |  |  |  |



#### The dates...

|  |                                     |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
|  | ...were discussed by the two of us. |  |  |  |
|  | ...fitted my schedule.              |  |  |  |
|  | ...were nearby.                     |  |  |  |

## Feedback: How was the counselling?



-  I am content.
-  I have neutral feelings about this.
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### The conversations...

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|    | ...have always been nice. I enjoyed coming. |    |    |    |
|  | ...were all I ever wished for.              |  |  |  |
|  | ...were too long.                           |  |  |  |
|  | ...were too short.                          |  |  |  |



### The solution...

|   |                                    |   |   |   |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
|  | ...was found.                      |  |  |  |
|  | ...was given by the counsellor.    |  |  |  |
|  | ...is sufficient. I am very happy. |  |  |  |

## Feedback: How was the counselling?



- I am content.
- I have neutral feelings about this.
- This has to improve.

| elements of counselling                                 | impression            |                       |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>The counsellor...</b>                                |                       |                       |                       |
| ...was nice and friendly.                               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... was speaking slowly. I could comprehend everything. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... has helped me a lot.                                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... was talking a lot. I wasn't able to talk much.      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>The questions...</b>                                 |                       |                       |                       |
| ... were easy to understand.                            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... were problem-related.                               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... could be answered by me.                            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>The room...</b>                                      |                       |                       |                       |
| ... was quiet. We could talk in peace.                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... was nice. I felt comfortable.                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... was easy to find.                                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>The dates...</b>                                     |                       |                       |                       |
| ... were discussed by the two of us.                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... fitted my schedule.                                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... were nearby.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>The conversations...</b>                             |                       |                       |                       |
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| ... were all I ever wished for.                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... were too long.                                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... were too short.                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>The solution...</b>                                  |                       |                       |                       |
| ... was found.  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ... was given by the counsellor.                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ...is sufficient. I am happy with it.                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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