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| In planning to study abroad what kinds of problems would you expect to need help with? | What reasons hold you back from studying abroad? | What reasons encourage you to study abroad? | In what way can it be an advantage for the professional or personal development to study abroad? |
| *The Dutch students tend to worry about language and their place to stay and differences in culture.* | *Language and family seem to be main reasons and sometimes choice of schools.* | *The reasons vary a lot but the place to stay and just for fun are reasons. Also mentioned better schools.* | *Learning the language, better work opportunities, social contacts* |
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| What skills would you need most in case you decide to study abroad? | "study abroad opportunities" offered in your country. | Have you ever considered studying abroad? | If yes, where would you like to study? Why? |
| *To communicate in English and communication skills are mentioned*. | *The question was misunderstood by a lot of students, Exchange programs, Bilingual education are mentioned.* |  *75 % of the students hasn’t yet considered studying abroad.* | *UK, Africa and Turkey are mentioned*. |
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| Name some skills you have learnt at school which you think are transferable to the world of work. | What reasons hold you back from working abroad? | What reasons encourage you to study abroad? | What kind of problems could cultural differences cause in a workplace? |
| *Being positive, social skills and mainly subjects like* *math and language (English, German, French)* | *Away from family and friends, loneliness and language are the main reasons.* | *Students’ reasons are that they learn a lot, for the money and to learn the language. Most of the students are not encouraged to work abroad.*  | *The students worry mostly about discrimination and different standards and values that can lead to miscommunication.* |
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| Employers find it important that employees are able to connect with others, interact, create contacts and be able to work with all kind of personalities. How do you show that you are good at this when applying for a job? | If you were an employer, what skills would you look for in a job candidate? What is important regardless of the job? | What might be your strengths when applying for a job? | What skills do you still need to develop before applying for a job? |
| *Show them that you are a good listener, that you have social skills, good at teamwork. And be yourself.* | *The students finds it important that the candidate has social skills, is positive, has communication skills and is a diehard* | *Communication skills, language skills, dedicated, honest ,committed.* | *Many mention communication and language skills but also self-confidence, professionalism an problem-solving.* |
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| Do you think "team work/collaboration" is one of the skills needed in the world of work? If yes, why? If not, why? | What do you think "learning to learn" means? | Why would you need "learning to learn" skills in your future life? | Name some challenges of working abroad? |
| This is the way companies work today because "two brains are bette than one". However, some also tend to place social skills on an equal footing with team work skills. This is necessarily not the case although connected. | Not many know about the concept. | Not many know about the concept. | Language, housing, culture, money, job, family - and you might forget your home country! |