

AN AWKWARD MISINTERPRETATION

1 SAM, AN OVGU STUDENT, ATTENDS A LECTURE AND IS HAVING SOME ISSUES WITH THE EXERCISES.

I THINK, I SHOULD MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A TUTOR...

2 SAM DISCUSSES THE ISSUE WITH THE TUTOR WHO TAKES HER TIME TO MAKE SURE SAM UNDERSTANDS THE MATERIAL.

DON'T WORRY IF YOU DON'T GET IT RIGHT AWAY!

3 SAM IS REALLY HAPPY THAT THE TUTOR WAS SO NICE AND EVEN THINKS THAT IT COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF A FRIENDSHIP.

IF YOU NEED MORE HELP, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME!

THANK YOU, MA'AM!

4 SOME TIME LATER, SAM DECIDES TO CONTACT THE TUTOR VIA SOCIAL MEDIA WITH A PERSONAL QUESTION.

Tutor - Design Lecture

Hi :)
What are you up to this weekend?
We can do something together!

5 THE TUTOR REPLIES UNENTHUSIASTICALLY, CONFUSING SAM.

Tutor - Design Lecture
We can do something together!

No, thank you

In the future, if you have a university related question, please, contact me via email.

6 STILL HAVING SOME TROUBLE WITH THE LECTURE MATERIAL, SAM DECIDES TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER MEETING.

Design Lecture Tutor
Subject: New Consultation

Hello!
I would like to schedule a new meeting, I have some questions about the lecture.

SEND

7 AT THE END OF THE MEETING WITH THE TUTOR, SAM DECIDES TO ASK HER ON A DATE.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE YOU OUT THIS WEEKEND!

WHAT!?

8 THE TUTOR SEEMS UNCOMFORTABLE AND REBUFS THE ADVANCES, IRRITATING SAM ONCE AGAIN.

WE REALLY SHOULD LIMIT OUR COMMUNICATION TO THE COURSE RELATED WORK.

9 OH, I AM SO SORRY! I DID NOT WANT TO OFFEND YOU...

YOU DIDN'T.

BUT YOU ARE SO FRIENDLY WITH ME, I THOUGHT YOU WERE INTERESTED IN ME.

10 I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOU IN ANY WAY... I'M FRIENDLY WITH EVERY STUDENT. THAT'S JUST NORMAL HERE.

SORRY FOR MISUNDERSTANDING THAT!

11 COMMUNICATION STYLE CAN DIFFER WIDELY BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES OR DISCIPLINES. A MORE PERSONAL COMMUNICATION STYLE DOES NOT HAVE TO INDICATE PERSONAL INTEREST, BUT IS RATHER COMMON AT OUR FACULTY.

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TIPS FOR UNDERSTANDING COMMUNICATION STYLES

- BE OPEN TO OTHER COMMUNICATION STYLES AND OBSERVE THE CULTURE AT YOUR FACULTY.
- IF IN DOUBT, RESTRICT YOUR COMMUNICATION TO UNIVERSITY RELATED ISSUES.
- DO NOT HESITATE TO TALK TO FRIENDS, MENTORS OR STUDY COUNSELORS TO LEARN ABOUT SUCH DIFFERENCES.

