



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

### **Conversation Preparation Guides**

**Title: Future Plans and Wishes**

**Topic: Thinking Ahead**

**Level: Intermediate-Advanced**

#### **Practice on Your Own**

There are different ways to talk about the future. For instance, you can talk about the future as a matter of facts (“I will go to that coffee shop tonight”) or you can talk about what you would like to do/happen.

- Think about your plans for next week. How would you express those plans? Which plans are certain, and which ones are uncertain?
  - I’ll go to this meeting./I would like to attend this workshop.
- Think of the year ahead of you. What are your plans? What is the right way to talk about them?
  - I will go to China. I have planned to stay there for one semester. I would like to extend my stay.
  - I have decided to work for the government. I will move to D.C., and I hope to find a job with the government there.
- Prepare a passage in which you talk about your future plans – next month, next year; what will happen, what you would like to happen, what you are planning and hope will happen...
  - Also practice talking about your future plans out loud.

#### **Practice in Conversation Session**

- To warm up, have a conversation with your conversation partner about your and his/her plans for next week. Ask and answer questions about each other’s plans.
- Now have a conversation about your plans for next year. Ask about your conversation partner’s plans. What are the certain events, and what are the uncertain ones?
- Role play planning a party, a meeting, or a picnic together with your conversation partner. Talk about all the details of the event.
- Think farther into the future. What are your plans after graduation? What are your conversation partner’s plans? How do each of you imagine your lives 10 years from now?