

Title	Video language pals
Brief description of clip	Students practice the L2 by speaking to other students from abroad through Skype, Hangout or other telecollaborative tools. Two students, one from Spain and another one from the USA (English-Spanish L1 & L2), speak half of the time in English, another half in Spanish and sometimes they use code switching when they do not know specific vocabulary, so they help each other. They talk about different things (food, Xmas, what they do at school, in their free time, favourite films and books, etc.). At the end of their talk, they provide feedback about this activity.
Difficulty rating of production (easy/intermediate/complex)	Easy to intermediate
Recommended CEFR level	B1+
Technical details	Internet connection, suitable account on Skype or similar technologies, network access for telecollaboration, headset and/or working webcam.
Suggestions (preparation/pre and post activities)	<p>Mystery Skype calls are quite popular. Teacher arranges with a contact to meet online and students ask questions to try and identify where in the world the online visitor is. Students brainstorm the topics they want to talk about with their pals.</p> <p>If a suitable technology is used the conversations can be recorded, providing real use of language to discuss and analyse.</p>
Ideas for application in different contexts	A useful CLIL activity, students can connect with international collaborators to research a topic such as geography or culture through the medium of language.
Useful links	Skype video tutorial. Skype for Beginners - Getting Started: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bhwens7f_tg etwinning project also has examples of telecollaborative activity.