Information-gap problem solving - Set 1

B2 speaking development. Cut the sheet in half and keep your card private. Plan a fictional backstory. Your partner asks questions to discover the details, then you agree a useful next step. Swap roles for the second situation.

Partner A: A difficult celebration

Say only this opening: Someone close to me is getting married, and I have mixed feelings about the celebration.

Plan privately: Write short notes for these points. Answer honestly within your invented story when your partner asks.

1. Who is getting married, and how do you know them?
2. Which part of the celebration worries you?
3. What would you like to happen?
4. What have you already discussed with them?

After the questions: Summarise what you have learnt. Compare two possible actions and agree one next step. Explain a benefit and a possible difficulty.

Partner B: A surprising holiday

Say only this opening: A friend told me about an unexpected situation on a recent trip.

Plan privately: Write short notes for these points. Answer honestly within your invented story when your partner asks.

1. Where was the friend, and what had they planned?
2. What happened instead?
3. What information did they need at the time?
4. What would make a similar trip easier?

After the questions: Summarise what you have learnt. Compare two possible actions and agree one next step. Explain a benefit and a possible difficulty.

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