

Title: Shared Memory Dialogue

Participants:

- Speaker A: Selinay (18), older sister of Gultanem
- Speaker B: Gultanem (16), younger sister of Selinay

Context of Dialogue:

- Type of setting: In person
- How do they know each other? They are siblings who live together.
- Language used: Dutch
- Speakers' experience with language: Both are native Dutch speakers.
- Date and place of recording: November 5, 2025 – at home in Velsen
- Duration: 4:53 minutes
- File name: SelGulMemoryConvo.wav

Reflection

Recording the conversation of my sisters was an interesting and sometimes slightly challenging experience. Although they are very close in age and share many experiences, the fact that this was the second recording made the interaction a little less natural at first. The original recording unfortunately crashed during transfer and could not be recovered, even though it still exists on my phone, it just won't play. Because of this, I asked them to recreate the same conversation or a new one, which made them slightly less enthusiastic and more aware of the recording device.

The topics discussed included several shared sibling trips: a visit to London in 2023, a Christmas trip to Oberhausen in 2021 and another visit to London during Christmas in 2024. These topics led to some lively storytelling and laughter, but also moments of mild disagreements on small details or corrected each other's versions of events. For instance, they got confused about an event during one of the London trips.

Despite their slight annoyance at first, the conversation gradually became more spontaneous. The conversation showed how memory can be co-constructed through language. Both speakers contributed pieces of the story, corrected each other and confirmed shared emotions. Their tone, laughter and repetition of phrases like "weet je nog" ("do you remember") clearly marked moments of alignment. Overall, this small dialogue nicely illustrated how familiar speakers collaboratively build and relive a shared experience through talk.