**Week 9 - Standup**

The things we have done so far:

* Academic research
* Initial user research
* Expert interview

The challenges we’ve identified for our domain space:

* Let learners communicate with native speakers (including all of the reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills) and let them use the language as a tool for communication
* Provide an environment for learners apart from other language learners
* Provide a comfortable environment for learners to communicate
* Encourage learners to keep learning through the social network system

The design decisions we’ve made through the research:

* To focus on communicative learning because it is proven to be more effective than the traditional learning style (focusing on vocabularies and grammars)
* To introduce one-on-one conversation style with native speakers because it is reported to be motivating and suitable for adults’ learning
* To have multiple communication methods to enable users to practice all of the 4 skills (reading, listening, speaking, and writing)
* To have texting as the main function because it is the most common way of online communication today and it allows learners to have some time to think what to say, which is reported to be essential for them.

The things we will need to do next:

* Creating the first prototype
* Conducting a testing session for the first prototype
* Analyzing the results of the testing session
* Continuous research to support design decisions