

# **Serial story: Talk to each other!?**

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## Activity Description

### **Content & Goals:**

One important step in protecting yourself against sexually transmitted diseases is to talk about safer sex with your partner. This may not be easy. To prepare the teenagers for this discussion, the pupils will write (in teams) a serial story about this subject. It is recommended that girls and boys do this separately. The central issue is to see how the pupils communicate their need for protection and how they cope with rejection etc. The stories are compared and discussed within the whole class (e. g.: are there gender-specific differences?).

### **Realization:**

- Can be integrated into classroom lessons
- Cross-disciplinary goals are possible (Biology, English, Computer Science/Data Processing/Word Processing)

**Variations:** Variations of (digital) story telling are possible, e. g. paper-pencil-story, wiki

### **Requirement of material and media:**

In case of wiki, internet access is needed

### **Time requirements:**

- **Preparation time:** low time need (up to 1 hour)
- **Need of class time:** at least 1 double period (90 mins.)
- **Wrap-up time:** medium time need (2 to 3 hours)

## Sources of information

Sources of information are the learning texts about the subject STD and the beginning episode of the serial story as contained in this proposal (please see below).

### **Beginning episode of the serial story**

See next page.

## The serial story

*The relationship between Paolo and Thelma grows closer, and they become lovers. In the beginning, they behave rather discreetly in public, thinking: „Not everybody needs to know immediately...” Nevertheless, they feel very much attracted to each other. Of course, they cannot hide their secret affair from the others on the long run – with the enamoured glances Thelma is throwing at Paolo, and Paolo’s unusually courteous behaviour towards Thelma... And they cannot hide it from Max and Natalya anyway, they are the first ones to get the news...*

*One night, however, Paolo and Thelma manage to creep away secretly. Max and Natalya have left for Marseille until the next day with some other teenagers from the summer camp – to do some sightseeing, watch a movie and so on. „I know something better to do,” Thelma whispers into Paolo’s ear when they are asked at lunch table if they would like to join. Paolo answers to Thelma by giving her a conspiratorial, but also slightly uncertain wink.*

*There it is finally: Thelma’s and Paolo’s opportunity to be alone with each other undisturbed in the old villa...*

And now it’s your turn: Imagine how it’s going on with the two of them in this situation. How will they spend their first night with each other? How will they deal with the question of safer sex?

Be creative...