


Topic

Conversation for Beginners

Lesson 1
Greetings



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- A photograph of two young men shaking hands outdoors. The man on the left is wearing a blue beanie and a black t-shirt, and is smiling. The man on the right is wearing a dark grey t-shirt and is also smiling. They are standing in front of a blurred background of trees and a building. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing two bullet points.
- What are the two men doing?
 - What greetings do you do when you meet someone for the first time?

In this lesson, we will learn **about greetings**:

- learn different greetings around the world;
- know the importance of greetings;
- practice expressions about greetings.

Key words:

handshake
wave hand
bow
cheek kiss

Key Words

Learn the new words and match.



- handshake
- wave hand



- bow
- cheek kiss



Vocabulary Check

Guess what greetings were done based on the underlined words.

1. Mary moves her hand from side to side in the air to say goodbye to Derick.

bow

2. Haruto bends his body forward in order to greet Mr. Hamada.

cheek kiss

3. Heidi says hello to Daisy by kissing on each side of the face.

handshake

4. James and Mike hold each other's right hands and move them up and down.

wave hand

Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

1. Thankfully the man's **handshake** was neither firm nor limp.

Questions:

1. Do you shake hands in your country?
2. Why should a handshake neither be firm nor limp?



Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

2. I will always remember the **cheek kissing** with my favorite artist.

Questions:

1. Do you like to kiss, shake or bow when you meet a new person?
2. What is your most unforgettable experience in life?



Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

3. Japanese people **bow** to show respect to someone they have just met or knew.

Questions:

1. What other gestures do people do to show respect to someone?
2. What are some gestures that are considered rude in your country?



Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

4. **Waving** one's **hand** is a common greeting in many countries.

Questions:

1. What are the common greetings in your country?
2. On what occasions do you do these greetings?



Conversation

Listen to the audio and do a role play.

John was sharing his experience about meeting his favorite football player.



John

I will always remember my handshake with Cristiano.



John

You are so lucky to meet him. Weren't you nervous?

I was. Thankfully my handshake was neither firm nor limp.



John

I'm happy for you. You must be really happy.

Thank you, Yuka. It was a dream come true to meet him in person. He was the kindest!



Yuka



Yuka



Semi-open Role Play

Make a role play with your teacher with the given scenario and hints.

Scenario

You and your friend Sarah are talking about common greetings in each other's country. Talk about the gestures you do when meeting someone for the first time.

Hints:

- (Greeting) is common ...
- It is +adjective
- We should/shouldn't ...

Review

Fill in the blanks with the correct words you learned from this lesson.



Every greeting is an opportunity to show your personality and respect to others. Remember these tips when greeting someone. A h _____ should never be firm or limp. A deeper, longer b _____ shows respect, and a small nod with the head is informal. A hand w _____ with a smile is better and more friendly. A c _____ should be on each side of the face and never on the lips.