

Lesson 1 – Greetings and Introduction

Learning Objectives

After this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Determine the greetings used with different people in different situations
2. Define greeting and categorize greetings accordingly to its formality.
3. Retell a story and recognize the importance of greetings.
4. Supply the correct responses to various statements.
5. Talk about bizarre names.
6. Use verb to be and possessive nouns in breaking the ice.
7. Produce sentences using expressions related to names.
8. Practice tongue twisters to improve pronunciation.

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How do you do?

How would you greet the following people in the following situations?

	Where you commonly meet	Bumping into them at a public area	Bidding farewell
A family member			
An acquaintance			
One of your (former) teachers			
A close friend			
Your boss			
A colleague			
Someone you aren't on good terms with			
A public figure you admire			

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What is a greeting?

A **greeting** is something that is said or done to show people that you are happy to meet or see them. Greeting someone you know is a vital part of courtesy and goodwill. All societies have some form of greeting. They are basic to civilized interaction. When you greet someone, you acknowledge their presence.

A greeting can be formal or informal according to etiquette and relationships of people. It can be expressed both audibly and physically, and often involve a combination of the two.

Categorize your answers to the previous activity into the following types of greetings.

Formal	Semi-formal	Informal

Ponder this!

Why do we use different forms of greetings with different people in different situations?

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The Importance of Greeting



[\(86\) Importance of greeting people - YouTube](#)

Retell the story and explain how greetings aided the woman.

What does a greeting do?

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Match column A with column B.

1. subject full of hidden problems
2. a kiss which doesn't touch the face, but goes very close
3. a relationship between people or groups based on shared feelings, interests, or experiences
4. pattern of behavior in a certain context
5. become confused
6. greet someone loudly from a distance
7. participate in social activities; mix socially with others
8. symbolic kiss given by kissing one's own hand, then blowing on the hand in a direction towards the recipient
9. communication or direct involvement with someone or something.
10. a person skilled in foreign languages
11. a person who helps people who have differing points of view find common ground.
12. a thing intended; an aim or plan

- a. socialize
- b. get in a muddle
- c. minefield
- d. bond
- e. interaction
- f. hail
- g. ritual
- h. air-kiss
- i. linguist
- j. flying-kiss
- k. diplomat
- l. intention

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Listen and answer the following questions.



Listening Activity 1.2 *Hello, Hello*

It's usually the first word you say to people, but the word 'hello' has an unusual history. And just why are greetings so important? Join Rob and Catherine in 6 Minute English as they explore the world of greetings, and say 'hello' to some useful vocabulary!

1. When did 'hello' first appear in print?
 - a) 1890s
 - b) 1950s
 - c) 1820s
2. According to Andy Scott, why are greetings important?
3. What is the original purpose of saying hello?
4. When do we say hello?



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Let's Practice!

1. If someone asks "How are things?" you can reply

- A. Thanks! And you?
- B. Very fine thanks. And you?
- C. Fine thanks. And you?

2. If someone says "Good morning!" you can reply

- A. Good morning!
- B. Hi!
- C. Hey!

3. If someone says "Nice to meet you" you can reply

- A. Yes! It's nice.
- B. I'd like to introduce myself.
- C. Pleased to meet you too

4. When you introduce a person (Jen) to another person (Sue), you can say

- A. Jen, this is Sue.
- B. Jen, can you meet Sue.
- C. Jen, will you meet Sue.

5. To give more information about the person, you can say

- A. She's a friend of me.
- B. She's a friend of mine.
- C. She's the my friend.

6. If someone says "How do you do?" you can reply

- A. Hi!
- B. How are you?
- C. How do you do?

7. What do you say to someone at 1pm?

- A. Good morning.
- B. Good afternoon.
- C. Good evening.

8. When you arrive at a restaurant for dinner you can say "Good evening". When you leave the restaurant, you can say

- A. Good evening.
- B. Good night.
- C. See you!

9. When you say good bye to a friend, you can say

- A. See you later.
- B. Catch you later.
- C. Both of these.

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The Most Unfortunate Names

A website in Britain has just released a study into the strange names some people have. TheBabyWebsite.com created a list called '[The Most Unfortunate Names in Britain](#)'. Some of the names have been with people from birth; others got the names after they married. The bizarre, unlucky names include Barb Dwyer, Hazel Nutt, Jo King, Justin Case, Barry Cade and Mary Christmas. A spokesperson for the website gave one reason for why people have these names, saying: "When the parents of some of those people named their children, many probably didn't even realise the implications at the time." He added: "Parents really do need to think carefully though when choosing names for their children."

The list is a wake-up call for today's parents to think more carefully about the names they give to their children. It is very common to name babies after pop stars and actors. Popular names for children today include Miley, Britney and Brad. TheBabyWebsite explained how difficult life must be with a strange name: "There must be tremendous embarrassment every time they have to introduce themselves to anyone, especially to a crowd. Even their teachers must have had to hold back their smiles sometimes." Americans also have some curious names, such as Carrie Oakey and Bill Board. We found the best married-couple names on the BBC's website; Mr and Mrs Mee – Rob's a banker and Sue's a lawyer.

Does your name have any meaning?

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True or False

1. People in Britain have the strangest names in the world.
2. People were either born with strange names or married into them.
3. One woman in a report was named Barbed Wire.
4. The report says parents need to think more carefully about names.
5. The article says parents who wake up early choose better names.
6. Lots of people name their children after movie stars and singers.
7. The report suggested teachers have to try not to smile at some names.
8. The banker Rob Mee and the lawyer Sue Mee are married.

Free Response

- a. What do you think of your name?
- b. What problems do you think people have in life with a bizarre name?
- c. Why did your parents choose the name they gave you?
- d. Do you think children's names are becoming more unusual?
- e. Would you name your child after your favorite movie / sports / pop star?



HELLO
my name is

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Verb “to be” + Possessive Pronouns

Structure of the verb “to be”:

Subject + to be

In Present Tense, “to be” is used as **am**, **is** and **are**.

Subject pronouns and be (affirmative)	
Singular	Plural
I am American	We are American
You are American (one person)	You are American (more than one person)
He is American	They are American
She is American	
It is American	

Statements with be; possessive adjectives		
Statements with be	Contractions of be	Possessive adjectives
I'm from Mexico.	I'm = I am	my
You're from Brazil	You're = you are	your
He's from Japan	He's = he is	His
She's a new club member	She's = she is	her
It's an exciting city	It's = it is	its
We're in the same class	We're = we are	our
They're my classmates	They're = they are	their

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Verb Be Exercise

Complete the conversation with the correct word. Then practice with a partner.

David: Hello, Jennifer. How ____ you?

Jennifer: ____ fine, thanks. ____ what's your name again?

David: ____ David – David Medina.

Jennifer: That's right! David, this ____ Sarah Conner. ____ in our math class.

David: Hi Sarah, ____ nice to meet you.

Sarah: Hi, David, I think ____ in my English class too.

David: Oh right! Yes, I ____.

Possessive Adjectives

Choose the right possessive adjectives.

1. Two students didn't do _____ mathematics homework.
2. I have a car. _____ car is black.
3. We have a dog. _____ name is Pancho.
4. Nancy is from England. _____ husband is from Australia.
5. Farid and Nadia go to a high school. _____ little brother goes to primary school.
6. Mr O'Brian has a van. _____ van is very old.
7. We go to a high school. _____ high school is fantastic.
8. I like singing. _____ mother sings with me.
9. François and Alain are French. _____ family are from France.
10. Mary likes _____ grandmother. She often visits her.

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Break the Ice

What are the best ways to initiate a conversation in the following situations? Use Verb “to be” and possessive pronouns in your sentences.



a convention



a party



a long flight

Ways to Break the Ice:

Reference: [The 13 Best Ways to Break the Ice \(brightside.me\)](https://www.brightside.me/13-best-ways-to-break-the-ice/)

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Socializing

1. Social Quiz: Choose the best possible response. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

- a. Hi, how are you?
(i) Fine, thanks, And you?
(ii) I'm Mike.
(iii) Not too bad.
- b. Meet my friend Jack
(i) Nice to meet you.
(ii) What time?
(iii) How do you do?
- c. How was your flight?
(i) It was all right.
(ii) Yes, of course.
(iii) The plane was a bit late but it didn't matter.
- d. Would you like to look around the company?
(i) No, it's none if my business.
(ii) That's be lovely.
(iii) Yes, I'd love to.
- e. Would you prefer red or white wine?
(i) Yes, of course.
(ii) I don't want.
(iii) I don't mind
- f. I'm terribly sorry about the delay.
(i) Don't worry about it.
(ii) You should be.
(iii) You're welcome.
- g. Thank you very much.
(i) Here you are.
(ii) Don't mention it.
(iii) Welcome.
- h. My sister has had an accident.
(i) Really?
(ii) I'm sorry to heart that. Is she all right?
(iii) I'm sorry to hear that. Is the car OK?



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2. You're at a conference drinks party. Match the comments and replies.

Comments:

1. It's an interesting conference, isn't it?
2. How's business?
3. Cheers!
4. You must try one of these.
5. Sorry, I didn't catch your name.
6. Do you fancy another drink?
7. You're the Czech Republic, aren't you?
8. I must get going.
9. Let me give you a lift back to your hotel.
10. I'm afraid there's no more orange juice.

Reply

- a. That's right. I live in Prague.
- b. Don't worry. I'll have some soda instead.
- c. Thanks. They look delicious.
- d. Yes, please. I'll have a glass of wine.
- e. You're very kind but I fancy walking back.
- f. It's Evelyn. Evelyn Burton.
- g. Cheers!
- h. See you tomorrow.
- i. Very good, than you.
- j. Yes, it is.



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Read the sentences below and answer the questions about the words/phrases in bold.

1. My **given name** is Stephen but I have a Greek **surname** – Theodorakopoulos – and a Spanish **middle name** – Gonzalo.
2. My **maiden name** is Popova but my **married name** is Edelstein.
3. I was **named after** my grandmother.
4. I'm from a famous family and it's not easy **living up to my name**.
5. I worked hard for 20 years and **made a name for myself** in Hollywood.
6. He used to be a **household name** but young people don't know him anymore.
7. I **put my name forward** for class president.
8. Even though she was innocent, it took years for her to **clear her name**.

- Which are on your passport / identity document?
- Which might change in your lifetime?
- Which are related to reputation?
- Which is in honor of someone else?
- Which means volunteered?
- Which means famous?

USE IT!
in

Sentence

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Express Yourself

1. Which greetings are typical in your country?
2. Name three acceptable ways of physically greeting a person.
3. Does your culture have a certain physical greeting?
4. How often do you meet new people? How do you usually meet them?
5. How do you feel when you are being introduced? Why?
6. What is the first thing you usually do or say when you meet a person for the first time?
7. Do you know any good *ice-breaker* questions?
8. Which topics do you avoid when you talk with someone for the first time? In your culture, which topics are safe and which are not?
9. What does '*first impressions matter*', mean? Do you agree?
10. What are the challenges people commonly experience in introducing themselves?
11. When you meet someone and hear their name, do you remember it easily? Do you have any tricks to remember names well?
12. Have you ever met somebody and immediately hit it off? What made you get along so quickly?
13. Have you ever been to a party where people were *mingling*? How good are you at *circulating*?
14. Talked about a time when you introduced yourself to a stranger in public.

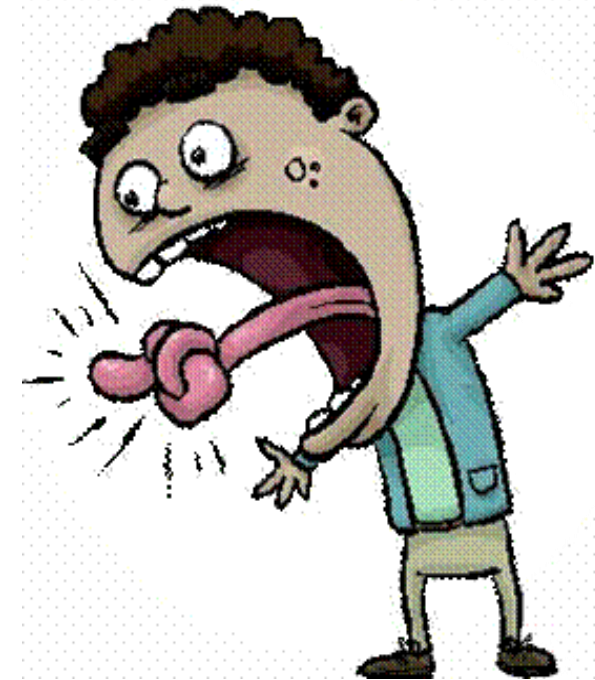
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Tongue Twisters

Elizabeth's birthday is on the third Thursday of this month.

Chester Cheetah chews a chunk of cheep cheddar cheese.

A tree toad loved a she-toad,
Who lived up in a tree.
He was a three-toed tree toad,
But a two-toed toad was she.
The three-toed tree toad tried to win,
The two-toed she-toad's heart,
For the three-toed tree toad loved the ground,
That the two-toed tree toad trod.
But the three-toed tree toad tried in vain.
He couldn't please her whim.
From her tree toad bower,
With her two-toed power,
The she-toad vetoed him.



The End