

91 Meet and greet

A Introductions

Liam and Sienna meet for the first time ...

Liam, let me **introduce** you to Sienna. Sienna, **this is** Liam.

Hello.



Hi. Nice to meet you. And welcome to Oxford!

... and two hours later ...

OK, bye Liam. Good to meet you.

Yes. Hope to see you again. Goodbye.



GLOSSARY

greet	say hello when you meet a new person or a friend	greeting <i>n</i>
introduce sb (to sb)	bring people together for the first time and say their names	introduction <i>n</i>
This is ...	When we introduce people, we say this is Liam, etc. (NOT he/she is OR here is)	
hi	inf hello	
welcome	If sb is welcome , you are happy to see them: Welcome to our home! welcome <i>v, n</i> : He welcomed us. They gave us a warm welcome .	
bye	a short form of goodbye	
hope to (see you again)	used for saying that you want sth to happen	

SPOTLIGHT introductions

You often use **Nice to meet you** or **Good to meet you** when you meet people for the first time, and when you say goodbye after the first time you meet them.

How do you do? was common in the past, but is now very formal and not used very much.

1 Make correct sentences from the words.

- ▶ do / how / do / you How do you do ?
- 1 meet / nice / hello / you / to
- 2 this / Max / Emma / is
- 3 again / hope / you / bye / to / see
- 4 you / goodbye / to / nice / meet

2 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ Bye is just a short form of goodbye.
- 1 When we somebody to another person, we say: 'This is (Sophy)'.
- 2 We often hands when we meet people for the first time.
- 3 When we friends, we usually say *hello* or *hi*.
- 4 and greetings are often different in other countries and languages.
- 5 When we visit my aunt and uncle, they always give us a warm
- 6 *Hello* and *Hi* are common in English.

3 Complete the dialogues.

- 1 LUCY Emma, ▶ this is Alex.
EMMA
ALEX Hi, to
you.
- 2 EMMA Goodbye, Alex. Hope to see you
ALEX Yes,

- 3 MAX Lucy, is Dan.
LUCY Hi, Dan. Good to
And to
Cambridge.
- DAN Thank you.
- 4 LUCY Bye, Dan. to see you
again. Have a good journey.
- DAN Thanks,

B Meeting a friend



Matt meets his friend Tess in a café.

Matt Hi, Tess. **How are you?**

Tess Fine, thanks. And you?

Matt Yeah, very well.

Tess Good. And how's Sarah?

Matt She's in bed, actually.

Tess Oh! What's the matter?

Matt Flu, I think.

Tess Oh dear!



An hour later they say 'goodbye'.

Tess Anyway, Matt, I've got to go now. **See you later.**

Matt Yeah. About 7.00?

Tess Yes, that's fine.

Matt Good. **See you then.**

Tess Sure. And **give my love** to Sarah. Hope she gets better soon.

Matt Yes, I will.

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How are you? You say this to a friend when you meet. **ALSO How are things?**

fine OR **very well** OR **good** OR **not bad** are common replies to 'How are you?'. (NOT **very fine**)

oh! used for showing a strong feeling, e.g. when you're surprised or afraid

What's the matter? = What's the problem?

Oh dear! sth you say if you are surprised or sad

anyway a word you can use when you start to talk about sth different

have got to do sth have to do/must do
Have got to is more informal than **have to**. It is usually contracted, e.g. **I've got to go**.

give my love to sb say a big, warm hello to sb

will You use **will** when you agree or promise to do sth.

SPOTLIGHT see you ...

We say this when we know we will meet someone again.

See you later is usually the same day. Other common expressions are: **see you soon**, **see you** (next Saturday, etc.), **see you then**, etc.

4 Complete the phrases.

► How are you?

1 S_____ you tomorrow.

2 He's v_____y w_____l.

3 Wh_____ the m_____?

4 S_____ you l_____t_____.

5 S_____ you s_____.

6 H_____w_____r_____ th_____s?

7 G_____ my l_____ to Suki.

8 I've g_____t_____ go n_____w.

9 Th_____s f_____n_____.

5 Replace the underlined words with another word or words that have the same meaning.

ROB Hello. ► Hi How are you?

FINN Good. And you?

ROB Hmm, not great.

FINN What's the problem?

ROB I have to work all weekend.

FINN Oh no.

ROB Yes, so I can't come on Sunday. But say hello to Elle.

FINN Yes, I promise.

6 Cover the conversations above and complete the dialogues. Don't use the same word more than once.

1 JIM Hi, How ► are you ?
SAM I'm very _____. And you?
JIM Yeah, _____.
And _____ your wife?
SAM She's _____.

2 JIM _____, Sam, I _____ go now.
SAM OK. See you _____.
JIM Sure. What time?
SAM 6.30.
JIM Yeah, _____ fine. See you _____.



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