

Lesson A Vocabulary and Grammar

A Complete the text with words from the box.

avoid common communication connect customs increase polite way

Good (1) _____ is so much more than just learning the words of a language. If you want to (2) _____ with people of another culture, it's very important to learn their (3) _____ in order to be (4) _____. For example, when you first meet someone, you need to know if it's (5) _____ to shake hands, bow, or kiss, and if so, how many times? In Argentina, just one kiss on the cheek is usual; in Greece, it's two, and in Belgium, it can be three! Learning the right (6) _____ to greet someone when you're traveling can help you (7) _____ uncomfortable situations and (8) _____ your chances of making friends.



▲ Shaking hands is a common business greeting in many countries.

B Read the sentences. Circle **SP** for *simple past* or **PP** for *present perfect*.

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| 1. My brother has traveled to Europe three times. | SP | PP |
| 2. I have worked for this company since 2010. | SP | PP |
| 3. I met some really interesting people on my trip to China last summer. | SP | PP |
| 4. We have known each other for a really long time. | SP | PP |
| 5. I saw that movie two weeks ago. | SP | PP |
| 6. Last year, I worked in Berlin for six months. | SP | PP |
| 7. We have seen that movie too many times. Let's watch something else. | SP | PP |

C Match the questions to the correct answers.

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| _____ 1. You look familiar. Have we met before? | a. Yes, but it was so good that I want to see it again. |
| _____ 2. Hi, can I help you? Have you lost something? | b. Actually, yes. I only arrived two weeks ago. |
| _____ 3. Have you recently moved to this city? | c. Yes, my purse. I thought I left it on this table. |
| _____ 4. Have you asked her? | d. No. I was just about to, but she left. |
| _____ 5. Have you worked here long? | e. Maybe. Are you taking art history with Professor Redding? |
| _____ 6. Have you seen this movie before? | f. No. Just a few months, but I really like it so far. |