

Joining hands

How do you greet people in your country?

Do you greet in the same way in formal and informal situations?

Objectives

- Greeting people
- Gestures and expressions
- When + Simple Past
- Linking two actions in the past

- 1 Sue likes meeting people from different countries. Read the discussion she started in an online forum and tick (✓) the question she asked.



SUE

I'm from England and I'm curious to know about different cultures and how they behave. Let's start with meetings. In my country, we usually **shake hands** in formal situations and with friends we simply **smile** and say 'Hi' or 'Hiya'.

- ☐ How do you greet your friends?
- ☐ How do you greet people in your country?
- ☐ How do you greet people formally and informally?

Kelly, USA Kissing is not a common way to greet people in my country. We don't usually kiss. If it's my grandma, or occasionally my dad, it's a hug. To friends, I say 'hi' and sometimes **wave** or **give a high five**. If it's someone I don't know, I simply look at them and smile.

Satie, Japan In my country, people **bow** when they meet.

Juan, Mexico In Mexico, at a first meeting we **kiss on the cheek** – just one kiss. Men don't kiss each other; they shake hands. We Mexicans are very friendly people so we often **hug** the person as well, especially friends or relatives.

Pierre, France In my country, people usually **shake hands**. Among friends, men included, a double kiss on the cheek is common.



- 2 Write the highlighted words in activity 2 in the correct boxes on these pictures.