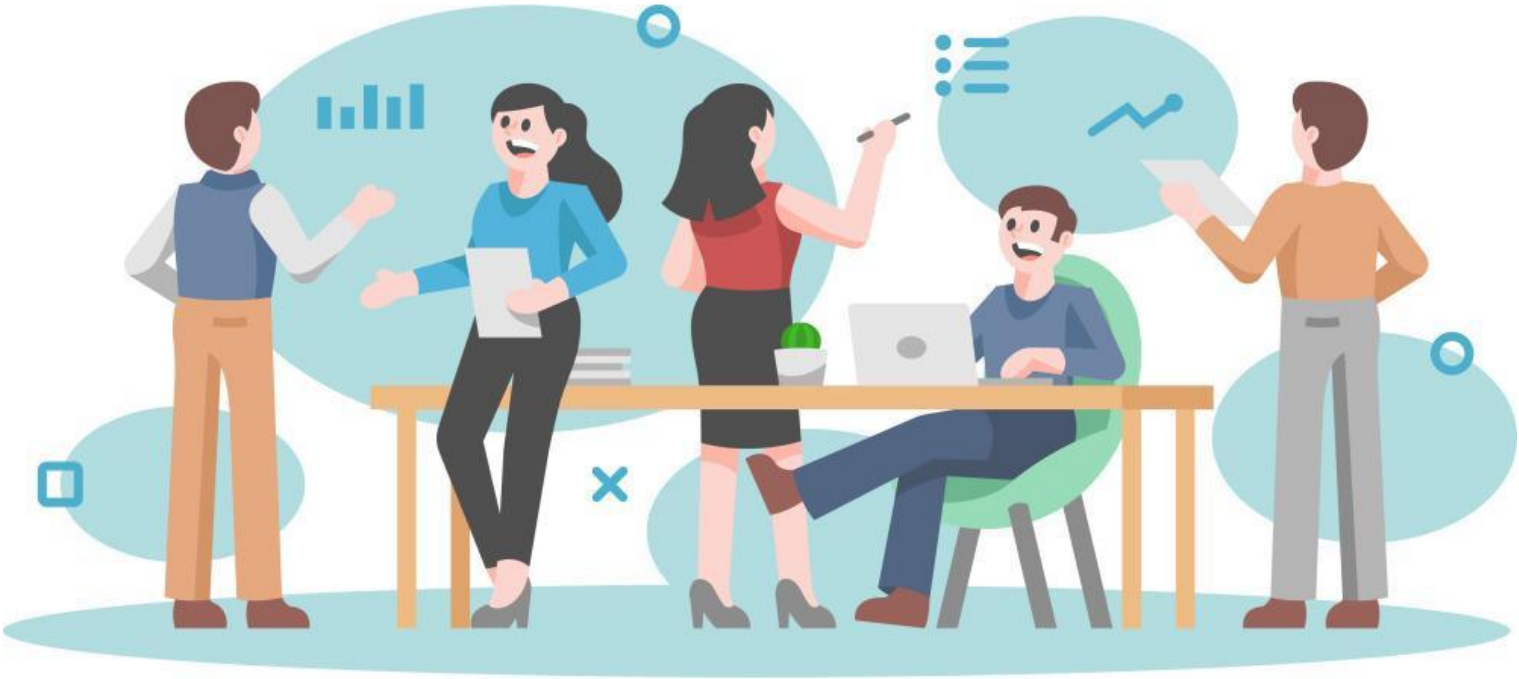


Keep the conversation flowing **Approachable** **Open-ended questions** **Daunting**

Clearly stating your name **Firm handshake** **Put the other person at ease**

	Questions that cannot be answered with a simple "yes" or "no" and require a more detailed response
	Friendly and easy to talk to
	Intimidating or causing fear or anxiety
	Introducing yourself by articulating your name in a clear manner
	A strong and confident grip when shaking hands
	Ensure that the dialogue continues smoothly without awkward pauses
	Make someone feel comfortable and relaxed

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Meeting new people can be a daunting experience, especially if you are naturally shy or introverted. However, making a good first impression is crucial in both personal and professional contexts. When you meet someone for the first time, it's important to be polite, friendly, and confident.

One of the most important aspects of meeting new people is body language. Your posture, eye contact, and facial expressions all contribute to the impression you make. For instance, standing up straight and maintaining eye contact shows that you are confident and engaged. Smiling can also help to put the other person at ease and make you seem more approachable.

Another key element is the way you introduce yourself. A firm handshake, a warm greeting, and clearly stating your name can make a significant difference. Additionally, asking open-ended questions can help to keep the conversation flowing and show that you are interested in the other person. For example, instead of asking, "Did you have a good weekend?" you could ask, "What did you do over the weekend?"

It's also beneficial to be aware of cultural differences when meeting people from different backgrounds. What is considered polite and respectful in one culture might be seen as rude or inappropriate in another. Therefore, taking the time to learn about and respect these differences can enhance your interactions and help you build better relationships.

Overall, making a good first impression involves a combination of good manners, effective communication skills, and cultural awareness. By paying attention to these elements, you can make meeting new people a more enjoyable and successful experience.

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. Is it important to make a good first impression in both personal and professional contexts?

a) No, only in personal contexts.

b) Yes, in both personal and professional contexts.

c) Only if you are naturally extroverted.

2. What can your body language convey when you meet someone new?

a) Confidence and engagement.

b) Disinterest and rudeness.

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c) Nervousness and impatience.

3. What can help put the other person at ease during a first meeting?

a) Smiling.

b) Frowning.

c) Looking away.

4. What should you do when introducing yourself?

a) Give a firm handshake and clearly state your name.

b) Avoid eye contact and mumble your name.

c) Cross your arms and wait for the other person to speak first.

5. Why is it important to ask open-ended questions during a conversation?

a) To show disinterest.

b) To keep the conversation flowing and show interest.

c) To make the conversation awkward.

6. How can cultural awareness affect your interactions when meeting new people?

a) It can help build better relationships.

b) It is not relevant.

c) It can make interactions more difficult.

7. What combination of elements is suggested to make a good first impression?

a) Wealth, appearance, and humor.

b) Good manners, effective communication skills, and cultural awareness.

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c) Being reserved, quiet, and detached.



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