Greetings and goodbyes



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Etiquette

People around the world say hello and goodbye in different ways. In Asia, many people bow when they greet each other. This might seem strange to someone in the Middle East. There, men sometimes greet each other with a kiss on the cheek. In most countries, people shake hands. But in America and Europe the handshake is firm, while in Asia it is often soft. So what do you do when you meet people from other countries? Don't let these customs confuse you. Just be polite. When you meet, say 'Pleased to meet you' and ask 'How are you?' When it is time to leave, say 'It was nice meeting you' and 'I hope we meet again.'

Get ready!

- 1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.
 - 1 What do you say and do when you meet a
 - 2 Do people kiss when they greet in your country? What do you think of this?

Reading

- 2 So Listen and read this extract from an etiquette guide. Then, choose the correct answers. How many customs are mentioned in the text?
 - 1 According to the guide, which is NOT a common way of greeting?
 - A saying 'Pleased to meet you'
 - B kissing each other's hands
 - C bowing
 - D shaking hands
 - 2 How does the guide suggest people react when they experience a new greeting?
 - A shake hands firmly
 - B be polite
 - C use your best judgment
 - D follow local customs
 - 3 What can you guess about people in Saudi Arabia?
 - A They use a firm handshake.
 - B They say goodbye with a kiss.
 - C They don't typically bow when greeting.
 - D They have similar customs to Europeans.

Vocabulary

- Complete the word or phrase with the same meaning as the underlined part.
 - 1 The manager said, 'I am happy to see you'.
 - 2 Be polite when you meet and say hello to a client.
 - 3 Some people kiss on the side of the face.
 - 4 It was good to see and get to know you.