



ACTIVITY 1: MATCHING

Match the expressions from Colombia with their equivalent or similar meaning in the United States.



COLOMBIA

- 1 ¿Cómo estás?
- 2 Qué chimba
- 3 Parce
- 4 ¡Qué pena!
- 5 Listo
- 6 Ahorita
- Me alegre

UNITED STATES

- A What's up?
- B Cool / Awesome
- C Buddy / Friend
- D I'm sorry / Excuse me
- E Okay / All set
- F In a little while
- G I'm happy



ACTIVITY 2: COMPARE

Read the situations and write an expression from Colombia or the United States that you would use.



SITUATION	COLOMBIA	UNITED STATES
1. Greet a friend.	_____	_____
2. Say something is very good.	_____	_____
3. Apologize for a mistake.	_____	_____
4. Say you will do something in a short time.	_____	_____
5. Say you are happy.	_____	_____

ACTIVITY 3: FORMAL OR INFORMAL?

Read each expression and decide if it is FORMAL or INFORMAL.
Write F for formal or I for informal.

COLOMBIA

- 1 Hola, ¿cómo está usted? _____
- 2 ¡Hey, qué más! _____
- 3 Con mucho gusto. _____
- 4 Listo, ya voy. _____
- 5 ¿Me podría ayudar, por favor? _____
- 6 Parcero, ¿todo bien? _____

UNITED STATES

- 1 How are you, sir/ma'am? _____
- 2 What's up? _____
- 3 I'd be glad to help. _____
- 4 I'll be right there. _____
- 5 Could you please help me? _____
- 6 Dude, are you okay? _____



REMEMBER!

Formal = polite, used with people you don't know well or in serious situations.

Informal = casual, used with friends, family or people you know well.

